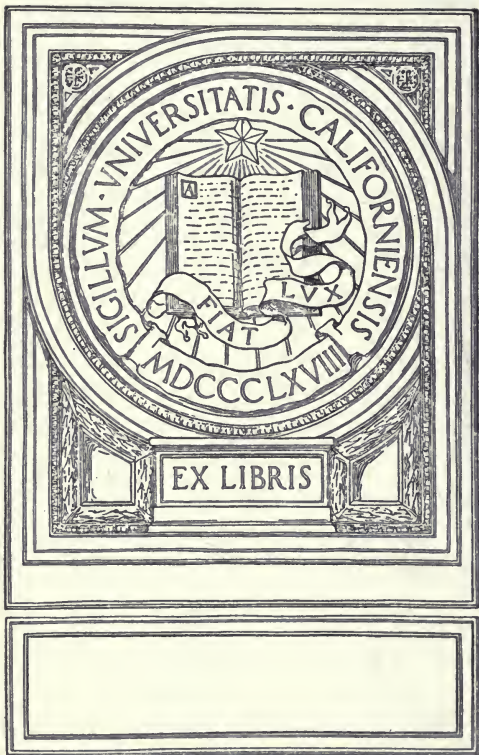


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HON. GEORGE CLARKE,

*Secretary of the Province of New York.*

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*Anthony Barry to Isaac Bobin.*

LONDON, *August ye 4<sup>th</sup> 1718.*

My Dear Bobin

**I** HAD the favour of both  
Your's of the 20<sup>th</sup> of Novem-  
ber and 31<sup>st</sup> of May, which  
were not a little welcome to  
me, the latter I got but Yester-  
day. Though I was not at *Dublin*  
when the first came, I delayed but  
little time till I sent your friends

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there the substance of it, which I am persuaded they were glad to see. I am heartily concerned at the melancholy Story of your Voyage but since it's over, cannot but congratulate You on your Arrival and the kind reception You have mett with from Your Relation there, & hope you will e'er long reap the benefit of Your going.

*Warner* was mightily disappointed of having a Commission in *Wade's* Regiment, which is since *Hawley's*, for the present Colonel is a Man little beloved, and One of a very odd Temper, however by chance he got One in Brigadier *Borr's* Regimt of Marines, to be a Second Lieutenant, which is only Ensign's Pay, they laid at *Gallway* when We left *Ireland*; I cannot but take notice to You, that for Some time before he got it, he was at a Loss

for Your Assistance to help him out with a Memorial now and then to My Lord Lieut: which out of a friendship to You (he being one as you respected) I did with a great deal of Pleasure, but when he got his Business done, and was commanded to Quarters, did not so much as thank me or take his leave of me, or any other of Your friends ab<sup>t</sup> the Office.

I came to *London* in April last (and as Sudden as We came before) with Mr. *Budgell* he is very kind to me & I doubt not but will be my very good Patron<sup>r</sup> I did (as you desired) present Your humble Respects to him, which he took very kindly & asked heartily after you. Monf<sup>r</sup> *Duranc* is with us & gives his kind Service to You.

We had great Alteration in the Secretary's Office since You left this

Country, for when the Duke of *Bolton* was there, Mr. *Towers* was ill of a fever about thirteen weeks, and was Several times thought past recovery, during which time I officiated in the Office for him, and when he recovered he left it and came hither, at which time Mr. *Budgell* put me into the Office at £30 ꝯ Annum, where I continued about a Quarter, and then he coming to *London* brought me with him; Since Our being here Mr. *Webster* (Chief Sec<sup>ry</sup> to the Duke of *Bolton*) have instead of Mr. *William Budgell's* acting as Sec<sup>ry</sup> to the Lords Justices, appointed Mr. *Maddocks* (a friend of his) to act, and Sent Over a Young Gentleman from hence to be in my Place in the Office; Notwithstanding this, I doubt not, but Mr. *Budgell* will in a short time out top *Webster* and all other his Adversaries.

*Betty Lovell* should have been Married to One Mr. *Wallett* (whom you have often heard her Name) in January last, nay she reported herself that She was So, and went by the Name for some time, but whatever the matter was, the Match was spoil'd, She broke off with him, and was absent for about two months that neither her Mother nor Sisters knew where She was, and Just as We came to *London*, She came to Light again, and is lately married to One Mr. *Vanderbagen* a Landskip Drawer, with whom She lives very happily, he is a very sober man, a handsome man and a good husband, So I think after all she may be thankfull to her stars.

Mr. *Elliot* is out of Business, and where I can't tell, for I have not seen him these two Months, but if I do shall Shew him those Parts of Your Letters that mention him.

I wrote to Mr. *Heath* about the Hats You mention in Your former Letter for him to Send you, but never received a Line from him relating to them, waiting for which, was the occasion I did not answer it sooner, but since Yours of the 31<sup>st</sup> of May came before I answered the other, I hope you will excuse my answering them both in One, which I am afraid will tire Your Patience in perusing, but since it is but seldom, that an Opportunity Serve for Our hearing from One another, I am perswaded You will pass by that fault; And I do assure You, it is my hearty Desire, that We may keep up a Constant Correspondence, and that as often as possible.

*Billy Dowell* is married to a Young Woman that was a By Blow of My Lord *Southwell's*, One of the Commissioners of the Revenue in *Ireland*,



who when You were there was only Sir *Thomas Southwell*, I believe My Lord gave him £3 or 400 and I fancy will put him in some Employment in the Custom house.

I am at a great Loss here for want of Your Company, which would very much add to my Satisfaction, but when I consider the advantage Your absence from hence will be of to You I content Myself in some measure & recommend You to the care of the Omnipotent. I am

Dear Robin

Your sincere friend

& humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

ANTHONY BARRY.

P. S. Since my writing this Epistle, Mr. *Budgell* has desired me particularly to give his Service to You which is a Sign that You are in his fav<sup>r</sup>.

I desire you would continue Your Directions to me under Mr. *Belcher's* Cover.

The *D:* of *Bolton* is still L<sup>d</sup> Lieut & the talk about y<sup>e</sup> *D:* of *Newcastle* is over.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

LONG ISLAND, Oct<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1718.

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir.

I HAVE paid Mr. *Barberie* The two Warrants for which I have taken the inclof'd receipt.

My presumption in going abroad too soon has been the Motive of my often thinking of what yo<sup>r</sup> honour told me; I shall take care for the future not to be so bold.

My long absence from the Office makes me very uneasy, But hope in a few days to be able to attend

it, I'm brought low my distemper  
having been very severe. My hand  
is so weak that I cant be so prolix  
as I could wish to expresse the sence  
of my duty as I ought to him who  
I hope will do me the Justice to  
believe that I am

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

Your dutifull  
and most

Obedient humble  
Servant

I. BOBIN.

To *George Clark* Esq.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

*Febry the 6th, 171<sup>8</sup>/<sub>9</sub>.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

V P O N Receipt of yo<sup>r</sup> Letter of  
the 28<sup>th</sup> of Janry last I went  
to Mr. *Wileman* and in regard to

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Yo<sup>r</sup> Instructions press'd him for Yo<sup>r</sup> Acco<sup>ts</sup> who gives his Service to you and begs yo<sup>r</sup> farther patience for they shall be ready in a few days I shall not let often calling for 'em be wanting, and so soon as they come to my hands send 'em you.

I sent yo<sup>r</sup> Letter to Mr. *Alexander* at *Amboy* where he is with the Governour, and dont expect him home before the Latter End of this Month or beginning of next. In Obedience to Yo<sup>r</sup> Commands is Inclosed yo<sup>r</sup> Quarterly Warrants w<sup>ch</sup> till now I had not an Oppertunity to send.

As to Yo<sup>r</sup> Office you need not be afraid it shall suffer either prejudice or delay, it will not Appear that ever I have been negligent in doing my duty or that ever I made a slight of business relating thereto on the

Contrary have not nor shall be wanting in my Endeavours to keep business so that it run not behind hand, Nevertheless meet with small Encouragement, Mr. *Alexander* laying Claim to the little Perquisites I make of the marriage Lycences, but don't doubt you'll set that matter right (when you come to Town) it being so unreasonable and as I'm informed what has never been practiced by his Predecessors and w<sup>ch</sup> if he keeps cant propose to go the Circuits and to subsist on a Stipend of twenty pounds ꝥ Ann. The Person that inform'd you I was at my Uncles those days you mention is under a mistake and hope you'll do me the Justice to believe it as such And that I am with great truth and Respect

Sr

Yours &c.

I. BOBIN.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

*February the 16<sup>th</sup> 1718.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir.

**B**EING Apprehensive of your fear of the Small Pox in your family, have presumed to send the enclosed Remedy of Dr *Samuell Wilday* which I hope will meet with your honour's kind acceptance (which if it does will answer my wish) having nothing more at heart than the welfare of your honour and family, being with great truth and Respect.

Sir

Your most humble  
and most obed<sup>t</sup> Servant

I. BOBIN.

I hear from *Amboy* that the Gov<sup>r</sup> is recover'd from his late Indisposition.



*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

*November the 17<sup>th</sup> 1719.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir.

INCLOSED is the Act of Assembly (w<sup>ch</sup> I take by the Purport of your Letter to be the Act you want) had your Letters come sooner to hand your Commands had been obey'd before this But flatter myself you'll do me the Justice not to believe any omission on my side, or that my diligence has been wanting to forward what you so Earnestly desired, I have sent by *Will* all the other matters you Requested, Excepting Oat meal w<sup>ch</sup> was not to be got in Town As to Beer Cyder &c<sup>a</sup> Mr. *Schuyler* tells me he hopes to send the Latter End of this week, as Mr. *Schuyler* has sent you a Letter

to day, *Will* dont doubt but he has  
satiffyed you as to that therefore  
believe I need say no more on that  
Head.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

*Jany 2<sup>d</sup> 1719.*

Hon. Sir

**I** MAKE use of this opportunity  
to Congratulate you your good  
Spouse and Mad<sup>m</sup> *Hyde* on the New  
Year ardently wishing it may be  
followed by many others in health  
prosperity and pleasure—having  
nothing more at Heart than the  
welfare of your Honour and family.

The president tells me he has  
received a Letter from Coll. *Rutfen*  
wherein he mentioned the Receipt  
of the Patent and that he shall be  
here in the Spring and make all  
matters easy on that score.

I fend herewith according to your Orders by Mr. *Nicolls* 1 p<sup>s</sup> Brown Ozanbrigs q<sup>t</sup> 55 Ells at 18<sup>p</sup> D<sup>o</sup> Broad Garlix N<sup>o</sup> 33 £4 5 12 pound of Nails Six pound Double tens and Six pound of Single tens at 10 s 1<sup>4</sup> d  $\frac{1}{2}$  pound 2 Oz of Parsely feed 1 Ounce of Cabbage Lettice feed As to Onion, Garden Beans and Savory feed I cant get but shall make farther Enquiry and fend by the first opportunity.

Mr. *Schuyler* will use his Utmost Endeavour in getting of Oats as mentioned in your Letter. He tells me has been several times with Mr. *Hooper* for that Money and as urgent as possible, but has not as yet received it but so soon as it comes to his hands shall pay it where you were pleased to order it.

I shall as you are pleased to Command me call often on Mr. *Wileman*

for your Accounts but as the Xmas is not yet over

Cap<sup>t</sup> *Goelet* arrived this day from *Amsterdam* after a long Passage of Sixteen Weekes but has as I can learn brought no News worth your Judicious Observation, therefore shall conclude as I really am with all due Respect.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

*Jan'y 21<sup>st</sup> 1719.*

Sr

I RECEIVED yours of the 14<sup>th</sup> Inst to day, as to what you hint relating to the Patent I shall not be remiss in observing Cap<sup>t</sup> *Farrate* has made his Return of Survey and to Day was brought by Mr. *Sharpas* to the Office with a Petition in Order to be laid before the Council,

but have not had any since the 24<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> last, The president having been Indispos'd but tells me he designs to call a Council to morrow, So soon as present I will take care to Execute your Commands.

it being late when yours came to hand and the bearer in haste had not time to get a Pen knife, therefore have sent you mine, w<sup>ch</sup> I hope you will find fit for your purpose— As to the rest mentioned I shall use my utmost Endeavour in getting them as soon as possible.

*Isaac Robin to George Clarke.*

S<sup>r</sup>

I RECEIVED yours of y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Instant by the hands of Mon<sup>r</sup> *Fauconnier*, and in regard thereto have promised to let him have some

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moneys by the latter End of next Week, hoping by that time to raise such a sume as may answer yours and his Expectations upon w<sup>ch</sup> hee seemed satisfied I shall not be wanting to use my utmost Endeavour and diligence in perfecting the same.

The Moneys now in my hand being small could not conceive it would be of any service to offer him any at this Juncture, was the motive of my Referring it till the time as before Expressed.

I have likewise received yours of the 3<sup>d</sup> inst. and send herewith 4 doz of Coat Buttons at 4s <sup>per</sup> doz & D<sup>o</sup> of Waist Coat at 2s being the smallest and best I could get, as also two Doe skins at 6s each 12 pound of Chocolate at 20s and two Pack of Cards 3s it being late in the Day and the Weather bad when I received yours had not time to



get the feeds, but do design to fend 'em by the next Convenience w<sup>th</sup> the five Bushells of peas you wrote for, w<sup>ch</sup> I doubt not but you'll find good. As to Garden Beans I have been several Places and can't meet w<sup>th</sup> any yet but shall make further Inquiry.

As to the Children's Cloaths, your Servant as should have been the bearer of y<sup>r</sup> letter not coming near me, but sending it by *Will*, my Hands were tyed as to that affair, but having rec<sup>d</sup> a note from Mrs. *Ludlow* signifying her want of money to be necessary, for that purpose, sent in Answer that I was sorry I could not Comply w<sup>th</sup> her request, but that if she would buy the things she wanted I would take care the money should be paid upon w<sup>ch</sup> she seemed affronted, Nevertheless offered to buy them myself

provided she would let me know what she wanted, but I was not worthy an answer.

I send inclosed your Pen knife w<sup>ch</sup> I got mended by the man near the Wind Mill.

Yor Patent met with no obstruction and is near compleated, it being now Ingrofeing and will so soon as past the seal observe your directions relating thereto.

I am

Yours &c.

I. B.

*February ye 3<sup>d</sup>. 1719.*

The Veffell for *London* is not yet failed, But 'tis thought will by the End of this week.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

*June the 17<sup>th</sup> 1720.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir.

I RECEIVED yours of the 15<sup>th</sup> by *Riche* this morning, I send by him, Wine, Rum, Canary and what else you were pleased to order. Sir, *Riche* being in haste and the Councill going to sett, has prevented my design in Sending you an Acct of the particulars I sent by him the last Trip.

I shall use my utmost Dilligence in getting what money I can, and shall observe what you tell me concerning your Warrants which are not as yet signed but will be to Day.

As to News there is very little, Cap<sup>t</sup> *Smith* is fallen down to the

Watering Place in order to faile for *London* in the afternoone, I paid him two Guineas and took his Receipt w<sup>ch</sup> I inclof'd in Mr. *Worsams* as you Directed and put it in the Bagg at Mr. *Sharpas's* together with the rest of yo<sup>r</sup> Letters. Cap<sup>t</sup> *Pearce* upon some words arising between him and his Lieut. has suspended him and Confin'd him in his Cabin.

Coll. *Rutfen* has been in Town, and tho' I had not received your Letter before his Departure, I acquainted him of the ill Consequences that might attend his Delaying to have the Patent of *Hurly* Compleated, the President did the like upon which he promised to wait on me at the Office in order to settle that affair but has left the Town without coming near me I believe the occasion of it is the want of Money.

I have not received your Fees  
for the Patent of *Cornelius Low*  
altho' I am as pressing as possible.

Capt. *Ouvery* is dayly Expected  
from *London*.

I hope agriculture and Horticul-  
ture thrive. I am &c

Yours

I. BOBIN.

*George Clarke Esq<sup>r</sup>*

*Edward Hyde to Isaac Robin.*

Dear Mr. *Robin*

I HAVE sent y<sup>e</sup> Taylor to you  
and beg y<sup>e</sup> favor that you will  
send Mr. *Reynolds* for to Buy some  
Cloath pray let it not be Coarse, I  
shall be at your Office to morrow  
and Excuse this from

Your most

humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

EDW<sup>d</sup> HYDE.

Friday 1 Clock.

pray send me word if Mr. *Clarke*  
as sent down my Bill

*Isaac Robin to George Clarke.*

*June ye 24<sup>th</sup> 1720.*

Sir

I HAVE received yours of the  
20<sup>th</sup> by *Riche*, and send here-  
with by him what you tell me  
was wanting viz<sup>t</sup> 34 &  $\frac{1}{2}$  Gallons of  
Molasses at 2s p<sup>r</sup> Gallon, three  
Gallons of Whale Oyle at 4s  $\frac{1}{2}$   
Gallon w<sup>ch</sup> being scarce was all I  
could get. 3. Bushells of Salt at  
3s & 6d  $\frac{1}{2}$  Bushell a piece of striped  
Silk Muslin at 5d bought at Mr.  
*Franks*.

As to Beef Mr. *Schuyler* promised  
me he would take care to send  
by this opportunity therefore dont  
doubt but he'll give you an acc<sup>t</sup>.

Mr. *Gathebouse* presents you his humble Duty, and desired me to acquaint you that he'll go about makeing more garden sticks and is very glad you like those he has sent, but is sorry that he forgot to Pitch the Bottoms to prevent there rotting but shall take care to do it to next stakes he makes I shall observe what you tell me Concerning fruit when Vessells Come in. Capt. *Ouvery* arrived here Yesterday after a Passage of Ten Weeks from the *Lizard Point*. The President receiv'd a letter from Brigdr *Hunter* dat. 26<sup>th</sup> of March last, in w<sup>ch</sup> he informs him as he did in his former that he is perfectly recovered of his late Indisposition, and that he hopes to be here soon, but can't be punctual as to what time he shall take his Departure his private and Publick affairs taking up so

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much of his time—this is the purport of his Letter as the President tells me.

Capt. *Ouvery* Reports that Mr. *Burnet* is appointed Gov<sup>r</sup> of this Province but what grounds he has for the news can't tell.

I send inclosed two Letters w<sup>ch</sup> Mr. *Sharpas* gave me this Morning to forward to You I gave yo<sup>r</sup> Letters to him for *Boston*. Wednesday last a foldier belonging to Coll. *Weems* Compa. was drowned in the North River, by going to his Canoe w<sup>ch</sup> was afloat by the Rising of the Tide, he was hardly got up to his Sholders before he Sunck, Some believe he was hurt by a Shark—others that it was the



*Isaac Robin to George Clarke.*

N. Y., SECRY'S OFFICE,

*July ye 22d, 1720.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I HAVE receiv'd yours of the 16<sup>th</sup> by Mr. *Nicholls* I must Confess 'tis a Error my not sending you an Acc<sup>t</sup> of the things I send by *Riche*, but for the future shall be punctuall in & observing your Directions therein & for yo<sup>r</sup> satisfaction send now an acc<sup>t</sup> of things I sent by him last Trip & there prices as follows (viz<sup>t</sup>) a Doz pd. of Chocolate 1<sup>lb</sup> 2<sup>s</sup> 12 pound of soap 7<sup>s</sup> 8<sup>d</sup> 1 Sive 2<sup>s</sup> a Roap of Onions one Sh. 12<sup>p</sup><sup>d</sup> starch & Bagg. 10<sup>s</sup> 6<sup>d</sup> 4 Bottles of Lime Juice 11<sup>s</sup> 2 Barrills Lamb Black 1<sup>s</sup> The Rum you mention I shall send by *Riche* with 200 of Limes I have not had 'em from

Mr. *Harrison* but got them from a friend, and as often as I get any will send.

I spoke to Mr. *Schuyler* concerning your Fire stones being Broke, who tells me he is certain that when they were deliver'd to *Riche* they were all whole but was apprehensive that some accident would happen to them in y<sup>e</sup> unloading, he believing the Tackleing of his Boat was not strong enough or fit for that purpose and gave him a Caution to take care.

I received your Letter of the — by Mrs. *Grace Sewell*, I send by her a p<sup>r</sup> of filk stockings at 19s 6 yards of Calicoe 1s 6d a p<sup>r</sup> of Cizors 1s Whale Bone 3 & to

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

*July the 26<sup>th</sup> 1720.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I RECEIVED your Letter of Yesterday p<sup>r</sup> Mr. *Holland*, with not a Little trouble and Concern to perceive you should think yourself imposed on by me in the charge or price of things bought for you, I should be very sorry you should suffer any prejudice or injury on that score or any other, if so 'tis not knowingly to me and is reverse to my inclination, I have been obliged some time, when my time would not permit me to take a Circuit through the Town to buy things, and yo<sup>r</sup> occasions for 'em urgent, To Confide in *Reynolds* &

hope he has done me justice, as to what is mention'd in relation to Chocolate it is not to be bought und<sup>r</sup> 22*s* tho' I know as you remark I have had it at Dugdales at 20*s* but he has not any left and if he had could not afford it und<sup>r</sup> Cocoa being advanced in it's price—as to Soap and Starch if I am imposed on they were bought at one Pelletrous near Mr. *Jordains*, When you come to Town if you require it the man shall be brought before you to Clear that point. And as to the other things I shall do the like.

The Rum sent by *Riche* is 12 Gallons and is by those who pretend to understand it esteem'd to be very good, the price is 4*s* 6<sup>d</sup> Gallon if it be not likt it will be taken again—I bought it upon y<sup>t</sup> Condition.

According to yo<sup>r</sup> ord<sup>r</sup> I have paid Mrs. *Stollard* 5 pound and taken her receipt for the same. I have been with *Joseph Latham* concerning the Note of Mr. *Nicholls* in your favour, who tells me the money is not due before the first of May next Nevertheless if he had money in his Hands woud advance it which he will be ready to do as soon as he has sold a ship belonging to him, and says you may be assured it shall be the first paid, but seems to insist upon the reward promised. S<sup>r</sup> I cannot conclude without begging leave to take notice of a Hint in your Letter That among Trading men I should be ill thought of. I I can't tell how I might be Deemed in the Eye of my Country But very well know my Conscience void and free from any Male-practices whatsoever so that I can (if occasion be)

the better vindicate my Innocence  
on that Head. I return you thanks  
for your kind Cautions, w<sup>ch</sup> I shall  
observe and shall ever make it my  
study to merit your good Opinion,  
and hope you'll do me the Justice  
to believe me to be as I really am  
with the greatest regard

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

Yours &c

I. BOBIN.

I sent by *Riche* Mr. *Hydes* Wigg  
the price is 4*l* 10*s* he'll take it  
again if not approved of at that  
price.

To *George Clarke* Esq<sup>r</sup>

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

*July the 30<sup>th</sup> 1720.*

S<sup>r</sup>

I HAVE received this day your letter of Yesterday, by *Will*.

As soon as it came to hand I went to Mr. *Hoopers* he was not at home I spoke to his spouse upon y<sup>e</sup> subject matter of y<sup>r</sup> letter relating to a Negro, she tells me they have not any negro's to dispose off, but expect some from the West Indies every Day.

Mr. *Schuyler* is not in Town so can say no more at present on that Head but shall make Inquiry as you direct and let you know When I find one I think may suit you w<sup>ch</sup> I shall do without delay—As to what things Capt. *Smith* delivered me belonging (as he told me) to

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Mr. *Hyde* were as follows (to wit) an Old p<sup>r</sup> of Britches Weast Coat and Rugg The Rugg I made use of to Rap the Burois(?) and other things I sent to the *Plains*, some time ago ☞ *Cæsar*; the other I have put in a obscure place in the Office.

I shall be punctuall in taking notice of your Commands concerning Mr. *Burnets* arrival here and will not be wanting to forward an Expres so soon as I hear of his approach.

I will Endeavour to manage the best I can with *Jos. Latham*.

Cap<sup>t</sup> *Moulton* 'tis thought will faile for *London* the Latter end of next week.

I send herewith a p<sup>r</sup> of gray Stockings at 10s which I hope will fit, if not may be returned, and shall for the future buy nothing but



upon that Condition, so y<sup>t</sup> if you should think I am imposed on in the prices know what to do, but will Endeavour to prevent if possible that trouble.

There's no news in Town but Our Dayly Expectation of Mr. *Burnet*, and have nothing more to add but my hearty wishes for the health and prosperity of your Family Being with all Due Respect

Sir &c.

I. BOBIN.

*Geo Clarke Esq<sup>r</sup>.*

*Isaac Robin to George Clarke.*

N. YORK, *Aug<sup>t</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1720.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir.

I RECEIVED to day your Letter of Yesterday by the Hands of *Brazier*, I have been w<sup>th</sup> Capt *Van-*

*brugh* who arrived here on Sunday last from *Barbadoes*, he has brought w<sup>th</sup> him four Negroes, two Men & two Women, but has only a man he can recommend as a real good slave, and believes will suit you, he understands Cookery, and knows how to wait at Table, and in all manner of Household Affairs is no stranger, he is a Lusty Negro aged about 30 years, has lived with a Gent. in *Barbados* who falling under unhappy Circumstances was obliged to sell him, but not for any misdemeanour he ever Committed, The lowest price he tells me is 55 pounds ready money—otherwise will not dispose of him—as to sending the Negro up in the Country upon Tryall he seem not willing, but is ready to leave him at any Gent's House in Town as you think your friend upon liking for 7 or 8 days,

and desires your answer as soon as possible.

*Simon* the Jew dont expect his ship from *Guinea* before late in the fall

The Paper I mentioned to you was by mistake left behind but shall send it with the Chequered Linen by *Riche*.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

*Augt the 6th, 1720.*

Sr

I SEND by *Riche* a Barrell of Porke at three pounds two and fix pence it being scarce could not get it under, the Man I bought it off was Mr. *Painter'd* who warrants it to be good Mr. *Jonneau* had not any he could recomend 11 $\frac{5}{8}$  yard Checquer'd Linen at 3s £1. 14. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$

12 Gallons of Molasses at 2*s*; a Bushel of Peas at 6*s*. I have paid *Dirk Mott* 3 pound fifteen shillings, and by whom I have sent 2 doz. and a half of Limes and 1 q<sup>r</sup> of fine Paper & 2 of Course.

I hope you received my Letter concerning the Negro.

S<sup>r</sup> I beg you'll excuse my Brevity the Councill just a going to sett and *Riche* in haste, The President will go for *Albany* Tuesday next, Capt. *Moulton* will Saile for London the Latter End of next Week.

I am &c.

I. BOBIN.

*George Clarke* Esq.

*Isaac Robin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

*August the 11<sup>th</sup> 1720.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I RECEIVED Yesterday by *Riche* your Letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant, by which I find the Negro of Capt *Vanbrugh* will not suit for am told as to matters belonging to the field he is a stranger having been intirely brought up to affairs of the house so have let that Drop, Mr. *Schuyler* who is come to Town informing me that Vessells are dayly expected from the West Indies with Negros, and shall not be slack in useing his utmost Endeavours to get one he thinks may suit your purpose, therefore begs your patience till then.

The President designs to go for *Albany* to morrow morning. His

Majesties Ship *Kinsale* is fallen down to the Wattering Place in order to Saile for Great Britain. Cap<sup>t</sup> *Moulton* will faile very Speedyly for *London*.

*Isaac Robin to George Clarke.*

*August 22<sup>d</sup> 1720.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I HAVE received your Letters of the 13<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> jnstant, I send now by *Riche* a Canister of Bohea Tea at £1 14<sup>s</sup> Candles the like Quantity as before, Cloves  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a Pound at 7<sup>s</sup> a Sive or Ridle for lime at 2<sup>s</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> & a piece of Diaper 12 Yards £1 14<sup>s</sup>. I could not find any in Town of a greater Quantity to the p<sup>s</sup> except at Mr. *Barberies* where I found Lawn of 60 Yards

to the p<sup>s</sup> but Believed that would not suit if this I have sent thou'd not be likt it will be taken again, I could not find any Garlick in Town, As to a Negro Mr. *Schuyler* and I Wee have used Our utmost Endeavour to get one, Cap<sup>t</sup> *Hopkins* has one to dispose off but Mr. *Schuyler* thought him off too high a price being 50 pounds the lowest and would not let go from his house on Tryall So must have patience till Vessells come in I could not persuade *V. Brugh* to send his Negro to the *Plains* I have delivered Your Letters to Mr. *Fauconnier* and Mr. *Sharpas* and p<sup>d</sup> *Blake* five pound as ordered &

I am yours  
I. BOBIN.

To *George Clarke*.

*Isaac Robin to George Clarke.*

*Aug<sup>t</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1720.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir.

I HAVE received your Letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> instant by the Hands of Mr. *Nicholls* and am glad to hear the Diaper I sent was well liked but on the other Hand sorry it was not the sort Mad<sup>m</sup> *Clarke* intended. *James Martin* has been with me with the Note you mention, I have promised to pay it when due upon which one *Ashton* in Town has given him credit for Leather, he was at Mr. *Schuylers* but did not find any Leather there to suit his purpose.

As to the Note drawn in favour of *Jordain* Capt. *Walton* upon *Jordains* Endorsing it has accepted it from him as Cash and is very well



satisfyed with payment thereof in Eight or tenn Days.

I shall observe what you tell me concerning the Sallary Warrants and will Endeavour if possible to finish with the Lawyers, but have no hopes of Compleating matters with those Gent<sup>s</sup> I have writt to Coll *Rutson* informing him of the ill Consequence of leaving the Patent of *Hurley* un Recorded &c<sup>a</sup> but have not heard from him since I will take care of Returning the Lottery Ticketts, and the delivery of yo<sup>r</sup> Letter to Coll *Heathcote* as likewise to send by *Rich* the things by you ordered

To Mr. *Clarke*.

*Isaac Robin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, August 31<sup>st</sup> 1720.

Sr

I SEND by *Riche* 3 Bushells of Salt at 3*s* and 6*d*  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 6 yards of Ozinbriggs 8*s*, 4 Ropes of Onions 4*s*  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb Nutmegs 6*s* Garlick which I got of a French Man from *New Rochell* there is little above a pound. I hope Mr. *Nicholls* has acquainted you that I have paid him 10*s* above what was ordered in your Last, I was backward in doing it but as he prest me to stretch a point dont doubt but he will do me the Justice to tell you of the same.

I shall send you in my next an Account of what money I have paid him, there is no News in Town since my Last, I am with Respect

&c.

Is BOBIN.

To Mr Secry *Clarke*.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, *Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> 1720.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

SINCE my last to you of Yesterday I have received Yours of 2<sup>d</sup> *¶ Riche*, that w<sup>ch</sup> came Inclosed I after Reading & Sealing Delivered as Directed. Mr. *Jansen* has given me the Patent of *Hurly* in order to be Recorded, and tells me that by the first opportunity he ll write to Coll *Rutsen* to hasten him to Town so that matters relating to y<sup>t</sup> affair may be compleated and every thing made Easy on that score I will take Care to observe the Caution you give me touching the said Patent, as I shall always do the like in every thing else that may be hinted, I send now by *Riche* 6 $\frac{1}{4}$  lb of New Tarr'd Rope inch &  $\frac{1}{2}$  at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d* being ten Fathom bought at Mr. *Dugdales*,

As to *Albany* stale Beer I cant get any in Town, so was obliged to go to *Rutgers* where I found none Older than Eight Days I was backward in sending such but *Riche* telling me you wanted Beer for your workmen and did not know what to do without have run the hazard to send two Barr<sup>ls</sup> at £1 16*s*. the Barr<sup>ls</sup> at 3*s*. 6*d*. *Rutgers* says it is extraordinary good Beer and y<sup>t</sup> racking it off into other Barr<sup>ls</sup> wou'd flatten it and make it Drink Dead, I shall not inlarge any more on this Head by reason *Riche* will inform you further what was say'd and am with all due Regard.

S<sup>r</sup>

&c

ISAAC BOBIN.

To Mr. *Clarke*.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, SECRY'S OFFICE,

Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 1720.

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

**C**OLL *Heathcote* desired me to forward the inclosed and gave me a note of thirteen pounds drawn on Mr. *Van Dam* in your favour which he paid upon Sight You have herewith likewise an acc<sup>t</sup> of the Ship *Swanswick*, and as Wee have no News in Town but what the *American Weekly Mercury* from *Philadelphia* tells us, I flatter myself my sending one by this Opportunity will meet with your kind acceptance w<sup>ch</sup> that it may will be the ardent wish of him who's with Respect &c.

Is<sup>c</sup> BOBIN.

I have not succeeded with the Lawyers.

To Mr. *Clarke*.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

*Novr the 15<sup>th</sup> 1720.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I SEND now by *Riche* the severall particulars mention'd in your Letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> jn<sup>st</sup>. except Brafs Buttons w<sup>ch</sup> are not to be found in Town; inclosed is an account of the Cost of Mr. *Hyde's* Clothes Trimming &c<sup>a</sup> The Assembly its thought will break up Friday or Saturday next, I begg Sr you'll excuse my Brevity my time not permitting to mention y<sup>e</sup> particulars of what I send. I will be Watchfull and Carefull in all things being with all due regard.

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sr  
&c.

*Edward Hyde to Isaac Bobin.*

*Novr 23<sup>d</sup> 1720.*

Sir

**B**Y y<sup>e</sup> bearer hereof—I beg you will pay Six Shillings. I shall be down this week or next week foredest Capt<sup>n</sup> *Pevice* as sent for me to Repair on board, I shall pay you when I am down and shall take it allwayes as an obligation done to your freind and

humble Servant

EDW<sup>d</sup> HYDE.

*Elinoar Arnell* y<sup>e</sup> Bearer.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

*December ye 17<sup>th</sup> 1720.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir.

I SEND now by *Riche* a Loaf of Suguar Seven pound and a q<sup>r</sup> @ 2s <sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> pound, bought at Mr. *Loyds*, I have been at the Shoemakers for Mad<sup>m</sup> *Clarke's* Shoes who tells me they'll not be finished before Tueday next, I have been likewise with *Sonmine* for Mad<sup>m</sup> *Hyde* and Miss *Molly's* Thimbls, they are not yet compleated but am promised them on Monday next without fail. I flatter myself Mad<sup>m</sup> *Hyde* will not think my often calling for her Thimble and Miss *Molly's* has been wanting. I have not as yet the forty pound in hand but expect to raise that sum by Wednesday or



Thursday next. Mr. *Byerly* cannot help me having been disappointed of money promised him on account of the Quit Rents—Nevertheless don't doubt to succeed otherways.

I hear Mr. *Hyde* has not been on shoar since you left the Town being confin'd on Board.

I hope the Roots &c may prove to content, and that agriculture and Horticulture may thrive mainly at the *Plains*, where I wish you, Mad<sup>m</sup> *Clarke*, Mad<sup>m</sup> *Hyde* and Little Family health prosperity and pleasure being very sincerely

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

SECRY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*Jan'y 4<sup>th</sup> 1720.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir,

YOURS of the 30<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> last came to hand the 31<sup>st</sup> of the same Instant the Letter you sent inclosed I delivered to his Excellency who has not as yet given me any directions concerning the Commissions of appraisers &c<sup>a</sup> the many and frequent visits made him since the Holydays has not permitted him to consider of the same. I will as soon as I have his orders dispatch those for yo<sup>r</sup> County; inclosed is a Coppy of *John Bridges* Comm. to be Surrogate I have been with Coll *Depeyster* in order to know when his accounts will be ready to be audited, who tells me he has not as

yet made any progress to that End, but designs to make a Beginning in a few Days, The time when they'll be Completed cannot say. The Coll. seems under great concern.

I have received twenty four pounds thirteen Shillings of Mr. *Byerly*, w<sup>ch</sup> Sum I now send you by Mr. *Nicholls*.

As to marble Tiles or there is none in Town Mr. *Cuyler* had some but

*Isaac Robin to Michael Kearney.*

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

*January the 3<sup>d</sup> 172<sup>o</sup>.*

Sr

HIS Excellency commanded me to send you the Enclosed Proclamations and to signifye that the same Be Published in the usuall manner without Delay, and further

that you forthwith send Circular Letters to the Sev<sup>l</sup> members of the Assembly acquainting them that his Excellency will be punctual in meeting them pursuant to the time mentioned in the said Proclamations. I have nothing more to add but that I wish you a happy New Year and am with Respect

Your most Obedient  
humble Servant

Is: BOBIN.

*Michael Kearney Esq.*

*Isaac Bobin to Lewis Morris.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*Janry 5<sup>th</sup> 172<sup>o</sup>.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

**Y**ESTERDAY in Collecting some Papers here for the file, the Ordinance for siting of the

Supream Courts of Judicature &c<sup>a</sup>  
 which Reviv'd that in the Brigadier's time to the first of December last, came to Hand whereupon I had the suggestion for its Revival; I therefore take leave humbly to give yo<sup>r</sup> Honour the intimation that you'll please to consider if it be of importance, that Course be taken for the continuance w<sup>ch</sup> your Honour can only well conceive what is apposite to that purpose, with this and wishing your Honour a prosperous New Year I add that I am with all possible Regards.

Sir

Your Honours

Most humble and

Most Obed<sup>t</sup> Servant

I. B.

*Lewis Morris* Esq<sup>r</sup> Morisania.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

*January ye 18<sup>th</sup> 172<sup>o</sup>.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I RECEIVED yours of the 13<sup>th</sup> Current Saturday noon last and that Day sent over, as you directed, particulars as in the enclosed. Since I have met w<sup>th</sup> a p<sup>s</sup> of sheeting *Holland* w<sup>ch</sup> I hope will prove to liking it contains—Ells at —— and now gos under the Care of Mr. *Nicholls* as well to be supposed y<sup>e</sup> other mentioned things

What of Novelty occurred is that the Royal Prince Gally, Cap<sup>t</sup> *Payton*, from *Amsterdam* & *Cowes* in nine Weeks Passage from the latter is arrived by whom is Advice that S. Sea Stock has bin ruinous to many in *England* and *Holland*, it being

200 at that Veffels departure and would as beleevd then realy fall under the Par: To particularize on one of the Distressed is that Sr *Jos. Beck*, an Eminent Mercht, was quite bankrupt thereby. I have heard of a poetical fimile upon the Fall of this Stock In w<sup>ch</sup> those w<sup>ch</sup> succeeded therein are compared to *Moses* passing the *Red Sea*, and those unsuccessul nick't in the Rear to *Pharaoh's* Immerfion which followed. That Yatchs & Men of War were getting ready to attend His Majesties Return And that there was a probability of Peace to be concluded with *Spain*.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

*Janry ye 26<sup>th</sup> 172<sup>o</sup>.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

HIS Excellency desired me to acquaint you That he has had the affair of Appraiziers &c for some time under his Consideration Yet cannot give Directions, or come to any Resolution relating thereto untill he sees you to discourse upon the subject matter of the Same.

In answer to yo<sup>r</sup> Letters of the 21<sup>st</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Instant, I have been with Mr. *Wileman* who tells me that Mr. *Schuyler* has Executed the Deeds for your Land. Mr. *Gatehouse* tells me he will get ready by Easter the Pine apples for the Top of yo<sup>r</sup> House as likewise the Garden Sticks, he knows not of any person



for the purpose you mention. I have spoke to Mon<sup>r</sup> *Fauconnier* concerning a French young man who will make it his business to find one he thinks may be more to your satisfaction, and let me know thereof. I shall observe what you write me concerning Bricks.

I have p<sup>d</sup> *Blake* 40*s* according to order and promised Payment of the £10 by the time Limited in yo<sup>r</sup> Note Drawn in his favour, which I hope to perform tho' business in the Office is not so brisk as I could wish.

I am glad Mad<sup>m</sup> *Clarke* upon opening the Linen likt it, It cost no more than 4*s* 7½ an English Ell, and bought it upon Condition if not approv'd of to be taken back.

I send by *Blake* Parsely feed and Sellery feed.

The Gov<sup>r</sup> proposes to meet the

Assembly of y<sup>e</sup> Jerseys at *Burlington*  
the Twentyfirst of February next,  
I dont hear what time he designs  
to go from hence—but as soon as  
I do shall let you know.

I am &c<sup>a</sup>

Is BOBIN.

To *George Clarke Esq.*

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

N. YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

*February y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 172<sup>0</sup><sub>1</sub>.*

Hon Sir

ACCORDING to direction in  
yo<sup>r</sup> Letter of Yesterday, I been  
at Mr. *Wileman's* for the Deeds  
Mr. *Schuyler* has Executed, but did  
not see him by reason of his being  
much indisposed with the Gout. I  
shall call there again and as soon as  
they come to hand get Mr. *Schuyler*

to acknowledge them and then Record them. I have been likewise with Coll *Depeyster* who tells he has made a step towards Compleating his Acc<sup>ts</sup> but can't say when they'll be ready to be auditted.

I send now by Mr. *Maynard* a Pound of Bohea Tea and 3 Onz. of Sinage Red, as to a leading [line] - *Dugdale* has promised to make one ready to send by next opportunity that offers, and at the same time will send Red beet seed. I don't hear as yet when the Gov<sup>r</sup> Designs to set out for his Journey to *Burlington*. My not finding *Moss* in his shop therefore can say nothing as to the Ax.

I am &c.

I BOBIN.

To Mr. *Clarke*.

*Edward Hyde to Isaac Bobin.*

Sir

I MUST beg y<sup>e</sup> favor you will  
send young Mr. *Pamerton* for my  
Old hatt w<sup>ch</sup> the Bearer hereof will  
Bring; I ask pardon for putting you  
to this Trouble but am Certain Mr.  
*Bobin* will forgive his

Most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

EDW<sup>D</sup> HYDE.

*Phœnix* Tuesday 9 aClock.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, SECR<sup>y</sup>'S OFFICE,

*February y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1720.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sr

HIS Exc<sup>y</sup> acquainted me this  
Day that he designs to set  
out from hence for *Burlington* the  
middle of next week, and thought

proper I should acquaint you of the  
same

I have paid Ten pounds to *Blake's*  
order according to promise, as like-  
wise four pounds to *Bernardus Smith*  
for the use of *James Martin*, I  
have nothing more to add but that  
I am

S<sup>r</sup>

Your most &c.

To *Geo. Clarke Esq.*

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

*March the 1<sup>st</sup> 172<sup>o</sup>.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I RECEIVED yesterday your Let-  
ter of the 25<sup>th</sup> of February last.  
I have been with Mr. *Phillipse* for  
a Copy of Brigad<sup>r</sup> *Hunter's* Instruc-  
tions relating to Patent Officers who

has promised me a copy of the same to morrow, w<sup>ch</sup> I will be Carefull in forwarding by the first Opportunity that offers with the other Copys you mention. Capt *Hopkins* Lottery was Drawn at the City Hall on Friday last therefore can say nothing as to the Ticketts.

This Morning about the Hour of One Coll *Heathcote* dyed suddenly (as is sayd) of an apoplectick fit. As theres no News worthy notice in Town I have nothing more to add but that I am &c<sup>a</sup>

I BOBIN.

To *George Clarke* Esq<sup>r</sup>

*Isaac Bobin to Gov<sup>r</sup> Burnet.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*March ye 6<sup>th</sup> 1720.*

May it please yo<sup>r</sup> Excellency

THE inclosed on Thursday last was Delivered me by a Boat Man from *Esoapas* for forwarding to your Excellency. Late last Tuesday Night occur'd the Death of Coll. *Heathcote* which was a sudden surprize to the Generality here, I use Brevity herein thinking your Excellency & this Post will receive it enlarged by Mr. *Harison*. I have imployed the opportunity which your Ex<sup>cy</sup>'s absense has afforded in following yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup>'s directions relating to the Office, humbly conceiving Sir that at your Return heither you will find it in such Regularity as to receive yo<sup>r</sup> Excellency's approba-

tion, for I am studious of making  
myself worthy thereof, being with  
the greatest regard,

Sr

Your Excellencys  
Most humble and  
Most Obed<sup>t</sup> Servant  
Is BOBIN.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

*March ye 6<sup>th</sup> 172<sup>o</sup><sub>1</sub>.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

**T**HIS morning yours of yesterday came to hand, I have been carfull in observing your directions relating to the several Letters you sent inclosed, Mr. *Sharpas* has undertaken the forwarding them to his friend at *Boston* and at the same time will mention to him the taking



the Masters Receipt, or at least to send word by what vessell they goe; he does not doubt of his Correspondent's care therein and of sending them from thence to *England* in the first Vessell.

S<sup>r</sup> I have imployed the opportunity his Excellency's absence has afforded me in following yo<sup>r</sup> Orders concerning the Office, conceiving that at his Return heither it will be in such Regularity as to Receive His Excellencys approbation, for I am studious of doing that w<sup>ch</sup> I think

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

*March ye 11<sup>th</sup> 1720.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

INCLOSED is a Copy of Lord Godolphins Letter to Lord Cornbury to Restore Mr. Byerly as like-

wife a Copy of his Ex<sup>cys</sup> Speech to the Assembly of the *Jerseys*.

I have paid according to yo<sup>r</sup> order of the 28<sup>th</sup> of Febry last Six pounds fourteen Shillings to *Jeremiah Smith*, and in pursuance of y<sup>t</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Currant in favour of *John Gilliard* have bought him a piece of Garlix at four pounds fifteen shillings with w<sup>ch</sup> he seems well contented.

S<sup>r</sup> I have stretch'd a point to answer demands, and as business of the Office is not at Present so brisk as I could wish therefore desire you'll give me time to Recruit, being at a low Ebb,—hope the same will be taken into Consideration for I really am with all due Regard

S<sup>r</sup> &c.

I. BOBIN.

S<sup>r</sup>

Your Deeds are Recorded.  
there's much talk in Town of

his Ex<sup>cy</sup> and Mrs. *Mary Vanborn*  
the Eldest Daughter of *Abraham*  
*Vanborne.*

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, *March ye 14<sup>th</sup> 172<sup>o</sup><sub>1</sub>.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I EMBRACE the opportunity of  
Mr. *Mount's* going to the *Plains*  
to pay you Mad<sup>m</sup> *Clarke* and Mad<sup>m</sup>  
*Hyde* my humble regards and to let  
you know I received yours of Yef-  
terday & Mr. *Nicholls*. I will pay  
him as soon as possible your Note  
Drawn in his favour I shall not be  
wanting in my Endeavours to find  
out a Sober man to teach your  
children & so soon as I succeed  
therein will inform you thereof.

Mr. *Wileman* has promised with-  
out further delay to deliver me to

morrow morning y<sup>e</sup> Papers belonging to the Office, I have been very urgent and pressing for the same, & shew'd him that part of yo<sup>r</sup> Letter relating thereto. I omitted mentioning to you in my last that I could not find any mittens in Town to suit Miss *Molly*. I have taken for you two Ticketts in *Lake's* Lottery the numbers are 35 & 36. I ardently wish success may attend them and every thing else which concerns you being with sincerity,  
 Sir &c.

I. BOBIN.

*Geo. Clarke* Esq.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

N. Y., *March ye 21<sup>st</sup> 1720.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

ACCORDING to yo<sup>r</sup> Request I now send by *Blake* four quire of Fine writing Paper; as to Bohea Tea I have given it to good Mr. *Sharpas* who very readily accepted of the care thereof, and has likewise for you a Letter delivered me by *Brasier* from *Esoapas* for forwarding as directed,—Mr. *Sharpas* designs (God willing) to set out for the *Plains* to morrow morning about the hour of Nine.

S<sup>r</sup> Nothing has occurred worthy notice since my last therefore shall conclude with my hearty wishes for the prosperity of your good Family and am &c.

Yours

I BOBIN.

To *Geo Clarke Esq.*

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

N. Y., SECRY'S OFFICE,

*March y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1721.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

YOURS of yesterday came to hand. I very well remember what you therein mention in Relation to the Thirty pounds to be allowed you by Col. *Schuyler* out of his Fees on the Patents of Mr. *Harison*, *Phillipse* &c<sup>a</sup> I dont know of any Money he has received on y<sup>t</sup> score. Mr. *Wileman* tells me there's some money in his Hands on that Acc<sup>t</sup> and hopes to Compleat the Remainder in a few Days which as soon as done will settle that affair. I think myself on the safe side as to yo<sup>r</sup> thirty pounds and should be heartily sorry shou'd prove otherwise through my neglect.

As to the Patent of *Jeremiah Schuyler* and Comp<sup>a</sup> I will send you an acc<sup>t</sup> of the State thereof in my next and am with Respect

Yours &c.

I. BOBIN.

To *Geo. Clarke* Esq<sup>r</sup>

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

S. O. NEW YORK, *Ap<sup>l</sup>* 1, 1721.

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I HAVE Received yours of Yesterday & *James Jordain*. Inclosed is the sume of two pounds; they are the smallest Bills I could get. I have paid Mr. *Nicholls* five pounds in part of yo<sup>r</sup> Note Drawn in his favour.

I can't say any thing as yet in Relation to the Patent of *Jeremiah Schuyler* and Comp<sup>a</sup> Mr. *Phillipse*

K

being out of Town, The Assembly of this Province is further adjourn'd to the Nineth of May next.

I am yours &c.

I. BOBIN.

To *Geo. Clarke* Esq.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

*Ap<sup>l</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1721.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I HAVE sent by *Riche* 4 Bar<sup>ls</sup> of Beef at £1. 16*s* each (Mr. *Delancey* p<sup>d</sup> the same price it being the best in Town) as likewise 12 lb of Chocolate £1: 2*s* Hand Brush 1*s* Sweeping Brush 10*s*,  $\frac{1}{2}$  a Bar<sup>l</sup> of Peas 18*s*, with the Bar<sup>l</sup>; 12 Inch White Pine Boards 10*s* 3 lb of Whale bone 16*s* If any of the before mentioned particulars Shou'd



not prove to content they'll be taken again upon quick Return. If you approve of the Peas I will send another half Bar<sup>l</sup> by *Riche* Next opportunity. I have not bought any Ozinbrigs by reason they ask 19<sup>d</sup>  $\text{p}$  Ell and for that which is Course, the greatness of the Price I ascribe to the Scarcity of it for want of Vessells from *Europe*. The Bricks and Limestone *Riche* Referrs till the next Trip. *Riche* has likewise two Roots of Coronation Pinks given by Mr. *Bayeux*; I send now by *Anne Sheaf* your Servant, 4. ou of Nutmegs, one D<sup>o</sup> of Mace and two D<sup>o</sup> of Cloves.

S<sup>r</sup> Since you left the town We have not had Weather to Dry Snuff nor met with the good success of geting Limes &c. but hope to succeed in both before another Opportunity offers.

Sr Buſineſs of the Office is very Dull and nothing occur'd worthy notice Since yo<sup>r</sup> Departure hence. therefore Conclude as I really am &c.

Yours &c.

I. BOBIN.

*Geo. Clarke Eſq.*

*Iſaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

*April y<sup>e</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1721.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I HAVE received yours of the 24<sup>th</sup> Inſt. relating to *Ned Griffith*; the Moneys paid for nurſing his Child is four poundſten ſhillings, being for five Months from the 24<sup>th</sup> of November laſt to y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> Inſt. by which it appears he is ov<sup>r</sup> paid Seven ſhillings and nine pence.

S<sup>r</sup> I hope you have received my Letter of the 22<sup>d</sup> Inst. in which I have given an Acc<sup>t</sup> of the several things sent *pp Riche* whereby you'll perceive he has been Remiss in the not Delivering of the Boards, Whale Bone and Coronation Pink Roots. What else is wanting he referred y<sup>e</sup> taking till next Trip, I am with all due Regard S<sup>r</sup>

Yours &c.

Is BOBIN.

*George Clarke Esq<sup>r</sup>.*

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, SECRY'S OFFICE,

*May y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1721.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I RECEIVED yesterday by *Tom Hill* yours of the 11<sup>th</sup> Inst. and am glad the fruit met with your

kind acceptance as often as I get some will send. I am much obliged to Miss *Molly* for her good wish and dont doubt but her pretty Genius will soon make her mistress of her Pen.

S<sup>r</sup> I send inclosed Mr. *Nicholls* Note as likewise your Quarterly Warr<sup>t</sup> and three pounds in small Bills, I will Endeavour to compleat what you wrote me in Relation to the Patentees; heartily wish that affair Laye not so long Dormant—I Send now by *Tom Hill* two Bushells of Salt at 2s<sup>6</sup> Bush and two Bas, they begin to grow scarce.

Mrs. *Ludlow* tells me the Childrens Cloaths will be ready to Try next Monday come Seven night.

S<sup>r</sup> The Gov<sup>r</sup> arrived here from *Amboy* Monday last in y<sup>e</sup> afternoon and return'd there y<sup>e</sup> Wednesday morning following; his making so

short a stay I did not think proper to trouble you ; he is expected back to morrow, I will send ~~þ~~ next opportunity a Copy of the Speeches and Addresses during the sitting of the Assembly of y<sup>e</sup> Jerseys at *Burlington* ; the Assembly here is adjourned till Tuesday next. There is no News in Town therefore concludes as I really am

&c.

I. BOBIN.

*George Clarke Esq<sup>r</sup>.*

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

May y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1721.

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir,

I HAVE paid *Blake* yo<sup>r</sup> notes of y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> of March last and the 15<sup>th</sup> Inst. drawn in his favour.

Mr. *Wileman* paid me £15 on acc<sup>t</sup> of the Patent of *Francis Harrison* & Comp<sup>a</sup> and the patents of *Philip Schuyler* & Comp<sup>a</sup> and promised me (as he has done often) to finish w<sup>th</sup> the Patentees this week.

S<sup>r</sup> I send you inclosed a Copy of Speeches & address during the sitting of the Assembly at *Burlington* &c<sup>a</sup>

'Tis sayd great preparations are making for the match so much talked of. Nothing of Novelty has occurd since my last therefore conclude as I really am with Sincerity

S<sup>r</sup>

Yours &c.

IS BOBIN.

*Geo. Clarke* Esq<sup>r</sup>

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, SECR<sup>y</sup>'S OFFICE,

*June ye 5<sup>th</sup> 1721.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

AFTER a Passage of Eight weeks from *London* arrived here this Day the Ship *Beaver* w<sup>ch</sup> brings no other news (as I can Learn) than the Death of the Duke of *Buckingham*, Earl *Stanhope*, Earl of *Galloway* and Mr. Secretary *Craggs*, as likewise the unhappy Circumstances the People of *England* groan under by the Conduct of the South Sea Comp<sup>y</sup>

His Ex<sup>cy</sup> delivered to me the Inclosed for forwarding and not knowing the consequence of the same thought it my duty to Dispatch the Bearer with the same hoping my readyness will be lookt on no other than that I am with all due Regard.

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*Isaac Robin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

*June ye 6th 1721.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir.

ACCORDING to order, I have paid *Walter Jones* thirty Shillings and nine pence, And now send by him a pound of Bohea Tea twelve pound of starch and a Paper of Ink Powder.

I am sorry for your misfortune in breaking the Wheele of your Chaise; But hope Mad<sup>m</sup> *Clark* nor yourself have met with no hurt thereby, I will observe what you wrote me in Relation to Chariot Wheels, Lead &c<sup>a</sup>.

Mad<sup>m</sup> *Hyde* sent me the inclosed for forwarding. Mr. *Hyde* seems under Concern for his past Conduct which he has promised to Regulate



for the future. I ardently wish he  
may hold his Resolution. And am  
&c.

I. BOBIN.

P. S. *W<sup>m</sup> Ellifon*, Mas of the  
Sloop *W<sup>m</sup>* will Sail for *London* about  
the middle of Next Week.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

*June ye 15<sup>th</sup> 1721.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

**H**IS Excellency has Commanded  
me to acquaint you that he  
desires you'll please to favour him  
with your prefence here this Week.

Before yours of the 16<sup>th</sup> Instant  
came to hand, I sent by *Riche* Sixty  
Bushells of Lime at 1/8<sup>p</sup> Bushell,  
As to Lathing Nails and Cedar Bolts

I shall send them by the first opportunity and will be mindfull of the Chariot Wheels.

Mr. *DeLancy* is not certain when the *Beaver* will fail, but Believes the Beginning of next week. Capt *Smith* has promised to let me know y<sup>e</sup> certainty thereof in a day or two.

Last Council Day Capt. *Walter*, Coll *Beekman*, Mr. *Van Dam*, Mr. *Barberie* and Mr. *Phillipse* or any three of them were appointed a Committee of the Assembly to Examin the late Treasurer's Accounts and accordingly met at Coll *Depeyster's* House on Saturday last for that purpose.

I. BOBIN.

Mr *Hyde* is very much reformed.  
To *George Clarke* Esq<sup>r</sup>

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, SECRY'S OFFICE,

*July ye 5<sup>th</sup> 1721.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

THE members of the Council in Town being but few and Mr. *Phillipse* declining to act upon Mr. *Baker's* News of his Removal from y<sup>e</sup> Council (which his Ex<sup>cy</sup> believes to be true tho' he has had no advice of the same.) his Excellency has therefore ordered me to acquaint you that he desires your presence in Town here to Act and assist in Council.

The Particulars sent by *Riche* are as follows. The Medicines for the Doctor ; the Acct sent by Mr. *Hyde* ; Testament and Psalter 4*ſ* 6 ; a Barrel of Brown Sugar, a Barrel of Rum ; a Barr<sup>l</sup> of Molasses £3 4*ſ* 6*d* ; 1 p<sup>d</sup>

of Gun Powder 2*f* 6*d*; 8 D<sup>o</sup> of Shot 3*f*; 3. p<sup>d</sup> of Lathing Nails 3*f* 3*d*; 64. p<sup>d</sup> of Candles £2;—a Loaf of Sugar quantity 27. p<sup>d</sup> at 18*d*  $\frac{1}{2}$  p<sup>d</sup>; 12 yds  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Garlix 2*f* 9*d*.

Coll. *Rutſen* puts one off from Day to Day Courtier like, but ſays that if he fail this week he ſhall think himſelf very unworthy of any favours from you for the future. I have not received from the Treaſurer your Quarterly warr<sup>t</sup> ending June laſt. I have nothing more to add but that I am.

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir &c.

I. BOBIN.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

*Aug<sup>t</sup> ye 1<sup>st</sup> 1721.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir —

I HAVE finished with Mr. *Hyde* and got every thing necessary for his voyage put on Board, Capt *Downing* proposes to sail to Day, the Owners would not give Credit for Mr. *Hyde's* Passage Money, therefore have been obliged to draw ten pounds from the Gov<sup>rs</sup> fees, The amount of his Accounts is 158<sup>l</sup> 15<sup>s</sup> 0<sup>d</sup> New York money, w<sup>ch</sup> I have reduced to Sterl<sup>g</sup> and taken his Receipt for the same.

There is only gone by *Riche* last Trip Six Cedar Bolts The Lime he Refused to take on Board, it must therefore go by next Trip with what else is wanting; he tells me

he will be in Town the latter end of this week, The ten pounds Drawn in his favor being not yet paid makes him very furly w<sup>ch</sup> I cant help. I was yesterday at the Treasurer's who says he has none

I am yours

I BOBIN.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

*August ye 21<sup>st</sup> 1721.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir.

HIS Ex<sup>cy</sup> gave me this morning the Enclosed for forwarding; he designs to Imbark for *Albany* on Thursday next.

Mr. *Mount* is so kind to favour me with his Care of this & Mad<sup>m</sup> *Clarke's* Snuff Box, and to take the Trouble of a Canister of Bohea Tea, The bearer of your Letter of

the 19<sup>th</sup> not coming near me but delivered the Letter to a Soldier.

S<sup>r</sup> I have according to order paid *David Cathair* four pounds. The Chaise Wheels are Ready to send by *Riche*; old *Read* dyed on Friday last. Cap<sup>t</sup> *Lancelot* mas<sup>r</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> *John* Gally bound to *London* from *Jamaica* was necessitated to come here, the Vessell proving very Leaky will sail for *London* in about Eight Days, and Capt *Ourvery* about the middle of next month.

*Isaac Robin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
*September y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1721.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir.

WITH some Struggle I have  
conquered that troublesome  
Companion the feaver and Ague,  
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by checking it in time; I am told that at *Amboy* there is not one House free from that disease, some the whole family Down, and is almost as brief here; I heartily wish your good family may escape it.

S<sup>r</sup> Inclosed is an Account of the several particulars sent now *per Riche* by your order for the use of Doctor *Magrath*; there goes likewise a loaf of fine Sugar (w<sup>ch</sup> *Cæsar* left behind him when you were last in Town) at 2*s* 3*d* p<sup>r</sup> The Chaise Wheels likewise go this trip.

I have paid Mrs. *Tarr* fifty shillings on acc<sup>t</sup> of the Note Drawn in her Husband's favour; had made her easy as to the remainder by promise where She ow'd Money to pay it in a little time w<sup>ch</sup> has answer'd her End.

The Gen<sup>l</sup> Complaint here is a Consumption of Trade & your



Office is not without a taste of the unhappy effect of a Languishing Commerce, business being so dull that I have not for this Six Days or more cleared a vessel or taken any money in y<sup>e</sup> Office. The Treasurer says he has none in his hands and does not know when he shall, w<sup>ch</sup> makes some Officers who have quarterly Warr<sup>ts</sup> look with Drooping aspects fearing they will be obliged to pass the Winter upon the faith and Credit of an Hon<sup>ble</sup> Support without Money. The Gov<sup>r</sup> is expected here the Beginning of next week.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

*September ye 14<sup>th</sup> 1721.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I HAVE received yours of the 12<sup>th</sup> Inst. by *Peter Smith* and according to order send by *Tunis Snediker* the Keg filled with Lime Juice I will be mindfull of Peach Stones.

Tuesday last I sent by *Riche* what was wanting for Doctor *Magrath*, and a loaf of fine Sugar w<sup>ch</sup> *Cæsar* left behind him.

The Gov<sup>r</sup> unexpected arrived here this morning about the Hour of Six. I dont hear as yet what progress he has had with the Indians.

S<sup>r</sup> I return you thanks for the Concern you Express for my Welfare & my late Indisposition. I

thank God I am recovered and am now in a perfect state of health. I hope your goodself and family are the like and that they may be blest with the Continuance of y<sup>e</sup> same is the fervent wish of

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*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

*Sept. y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1721.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir.

THERE goes now  $\pounds$  *Riche* a pound of Bohea Tea; 6 yds of brown Ozinbriggs; four  $\frac{1}{2}$  of blew D<sup>o</sup>

S<sup>r</sup> I have been with y<sup>e</sup> Pump maker named *Rich<sup>d</sup> Talbot*, who sends you the inclosed and says he Can't pretend to undertake y<sup>e</sup> making a Pump for less than 2*£*  $\pounds$

Foot, for it is the usual and Customary price and y<sup>t</sup> he expects 8/8 Diem during the time that he shall be at the *Plains* affixing & setting the same, And his Charges and Expences both going and returning, w<sup>ch</sup> I told I thought was some what out of y<sup>e</sup> way, therefore told him I could do nothing further before I had acquainted you therewith and know your pleasure, which as soon as it came to hand would let him know—he answered if you agreed to what he proposed he would fall upon the work forthwith and give it all immediate dispatch. Mr. *Sharpas* tells me he is a Master of his business.

S<sup>r</sup> I acquainted his Excellency that you presented to him your Duty and y<sup>t</sup> your being much out of order with a Cold in y<sup>r</sup> head and a fore throat hindered your waiting on him;

he made me no answer; I repeated the same word to him a second time, he still was silent; then I withdrew.

S<sup>r</sup> The Office is very bare of money and will not answer for what is drawn for Sundrys and as I have been hitherto obliged when I had not cash in hands to take things on yo<sup>r</sup> Credit, and business since not having been brisk enough to answer other Demands and Discharge that, therefore People are shy in Delivering there goods without ready money, w<sup>ch</sup> I know not how [to get.]

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, SECRYS OFFICE,

*October 18<sup>th</sup> 1721.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I HAVE received your Letter of y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Inst. by yo<sup>r</sup> Negro & will leave no stone unturned to get in what money I can, but am at present very bare, being obliged now to pay ready money for what things I take up for your use; when a Sum comes to hand I shall inform you thereof with great pleasure. I have writ to Coll *Rutsen* & wait dayly for his answer. Mr. *Wileman* yesterday acquainted me that he had rec'd a Letter from Mr. *Collins* of *Albany*, date y<sup>e</sup> 4 Inst in which he presents you his humble duty and desires to be excused for his long silence and y<sup>t</sup> he will make speedy

payment of your Fees, and in order thereto Mr. *Bickly* has prepared a quantity of Flower and Peas to send to *York* to be sold so that Money may be dayly hoped for. Nevertheless I will observe your Directions to Mr. *Bickley*.

I send now by *Will* a Loaf of single refin'd Sugar q<sup>t</sup> 7 p<sup>d</sup> at 1*s*, 6*d* ½ p<sup>d</sup>; 13 yds of Duffles at 6*s* 3*d*; four yds of Swan skin at 4*s*; 3 Indian Brooms 1*s*: 2 Bibles, 18*s*;—they are best I could get & am sorry the Print is not better; as to *Venice* talk [? chalk] there is none in Town; Doctor *Nicholls* had some a few days ago but it is all sold to y<sup>e</sup> Ladys.

I send by *Will* four pounds in small Bills &c.

I am

S<sup>r</sup>

Yours &c<sup>a</sup>

I BOBIN.

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*Isaac Robin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

*October ye 26<sup>th</sup> 1721.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

**W**ILL carrys with him seven yards of yallow Taffita and as much of Blew at .10*s*. & 6*d*  $\frac{3}{4}$  yard,—&  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz of Blew Sowing filk; if not likt will be taken again; Mrs. *Ludlow* tells me the yallow suits very well, and the Blew is the neareft the Patern I could get & fays ſhe can't go to the *Plains* before the Beginning of next week, her hands being full of work. I have had the happinefs of feeing Miſs *Katty* yeſterday Evening. Mr. *Sharpas* and M<sup>rs</sup> *Betty Sharpas* conceiving Miſs wou'd want a Night Gown I have therefore bought as much Calico as will make a double Gown



and had Mrs. *Betty's* advice therein, what else Miss may want I will take care to furnish. Mrs. *Ludlow* will make it forthwith. Miss *Katty* went with Mrs. *Brassier* in Mr. *Bickeley's* last night. Mr. *Fauconnier* is not in Town and can't Larn when he is Expected.

I will observe what you write in relation to *Rhode Island* Cheeses as I shall do in every thing else.

I have writ to Mr. *Collins* as ordered and have forwarded a Second Letter to Coll *Rutsen* very pressing. I expect dayly to hear from them.

I am much obliged to Miss *Molly* for her kind Remembrance of me, and to assure when I go to the Sweat Garden have her in my thoughts; have now sent her some.

There is no news. Mr. *Harington* promised to give me some Limes, but has not been so good as his

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word tho' often calling has not been wanting.

I am with Respect

Sr

&c.

Is BOBIN.

To Mr *Clarke*.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, SECRY'S OFFICE,

*Novr ye 24<sup>th</sup> 1721.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I RECEIVED yr Letter of Yesterday about Seven in the Evening & *Will* and am sorry to hear *Blake* has proved such a Villain, I have not seen him since I paid him your note Drawn in his favour w<sup>ch</sup> was Thursday last nor dont hear now y<sup>t</sup> he is in Town, therefore have forwarded with Instructions a

Writt to the Sheriff of *Richmond* County & will be diligent in making further inquiry after him. As to the Sashes they were not made at *Smiths* but at one *Peacocks* in the Broadway who not being at home therefore have rec'd no information thereof, but shall observe your directions relating thereto—I dont hear that he has left any thing at *Riches*—

Mr. *Phillips* and Mr. *Sharps* present you their humble service and say they'll referr the drawing Lotts till you come to Town.

I fend by *Will* five yds of plain fustain at 3s, 3d but am afraid its too Corse there is none figured in Town; if not likt will be taken upon Return I fend likewise 2 yds of Blew Duffles at 6s 8d yd.

I will Inquire after another Joyner.

*Isaac Robin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, S. OFFICE,

*Novr ye 26 1721.*

Hon Sir

I REC'D yesterday your Letters of y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Inst The Sev<sup>l</sup> Part. mention'd in that of the 8<sup>th</sup> go now by *Riche* Viz<sup>t</sup> a Barr<sup>l</sup> of Sugar from M<sup>r</sup> *Schuyler*; Six p<sup>r</sup> of gloves for Mad<sup>m</sup> *Clarke* at 3*f* a p<sup>r</sup> 6 Sheets of Miniken pins 8*f*.; 12 of largest 16*f*—; 12 of the Middling, 11*f*.; 2 Small Cords & large Bedd Cord — 11*f*.; thirty two Gallons of Molosses *Jamaica* the best in Town 2*f*.  $\text{p}$  Gallon; Six q<sup>r</sup> of Letter Paper & 6 of Copying Paper; a Masons Trowell, 3*f*.; Six Packs of Cards 7*f* 6*d*; Three Ivory Combs 5*f* 6*d*; 1 horn Comb 3*d* If any of the prices of the before men-

tion'd particulars bought by me, shou'd be thought unreasonable or not likt by Mad<sup>m</sup> *Clarke* they will be taken again upon Return—I have been Carefull y<sup>t</sup> the Sugar and Moloffes can are well hoop'd.

S<sup>r</sup> I return you my hearty thanks for the trouble you have taken to fend me my Fathers Letter, as also of my kinsman and am under some Concern to pceive my friends at home uneasy for want of hearing from me; however Letters have miscarried I can't tell, but as I have always had a value and esteem for my Parents therefore have never been wanting when opportunity offered to let them know of my Welfare.

S<sup>r</sup> I have paid *Blake* yo<sup>r</sup> Note Drawn in his favour for five pounds *Sconlock* not having Money to advance, and finding him under

necessity to buy hinges Nails &c<sup>a</sup> for the use of your house; which he told me was very much exposed to Weather, mov'd me to stretch a point.

I will send what else is wanting <sup>to</sup> *Riche* next Trip which he tells me will be the Latter End of next week—Yo<sup>r</sup> Warrants upon Mr. *Byerly* are signed.

*Coden* has promised to bring some good *R. Island* Cheese for your Winter Store. I have paid Mr. *Selby* your note of One pound ten shillings drawn in his favour.

Cap<sup>t</sup> *Smith* of y<sup>e</sup> *Beaver* Informs that he shall sail the Latter End of next Week hoping to Eat to his Xmas dinner in *London*

I can get no Money from The Treasurer, nor have not been so happy as to receive a Line from Coll *Rutsen* tho' I have often writ. I

have received from Mr. *Collins* yo<sup>r</sup> fees out of w<sup>ch</sup> I have paid *Riche*.

His Ex<sup>cy</sup> is Expected from *Amboy* Sunday next. Miss *Katty* is very well.

The Surveyor Gen<sup>l</sup> has not yet made any Return of y<sup>e</sup> Surveys of the Land laid out for Dr *Humes* & al. As to *Anthony* I refer to his Letter Inclosed.

*Blake* will Inform you concerning Cedar Bolts.

I begg you'll excuse the broken English of my Father's Letter Ill see that some Snuff be made &c.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

NEW YORK, S. OFFICE,  
*February y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 172½.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

THERE goes now by *Riche* The Barrel of Sugar, Box of Candles, Six Indian Brooms, & Eight

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pound of Chalck. The Punch & marking Iron are not finished.

S<sup>r</sup> Since my last to you I have received a Letter from Coll *Rutſen* wherein he informs me that he has found two Mares one large about 6 or 7 years old and the other three next Spring the price of w<sup>ch</sup> are fix pound each that he has likewise got one large Drawing Horſe a Black Ball above 15 hands high 5 years old at £15. That he will uſe his utmoſt Endeavour to get another to match him, but in the mean time deſires my answer upon the ſame. I therefore crave you'll be pleaſed to let me know whether you think thoſe prices reaſonable or not, that I may thereby be the better enabled to make an answer thereto, There will be no opportunity of ſending before the latter End of next week.



*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, N. YORK,

*March ye 7<sup>th</sup> 172<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I HAVE received yo<sup>r</sup> Letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> Instant by *Will* inclosed in the Warrants you write for & as concerning Deeds all those that were in my care I send now in the Trunk for that purpose together with those found in yo<sup>r</sup> Scrutoire at Mr. *Schuyler's* as likewise Mr. *Byerly's* Mortgages. The Deeds Recorded are Seperate from the others and are distinguished by a Labell—I have Inquired of Mr. *Sharpas* and Mr. *Wileman* whether they had any Deeds belonging to you who told me they [had] not any. I will Endeavour to get Cedar Bolts to send

by *Riche* next Conveyance, and Copy the Bills of the Lawyers to go at the same time

I have given Mrs. *Ludlow* 5 yds of plain White Calicote at 5*s* <sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> yard; 2 yds of plain Muslin at 9*s*; a Doz. of Knives & Forks at 8*s*; Thread 9*s*; four Combs & Brush 6*s* & 9*d*; Bafs 2*s*. Dear S<sup>r</sup> I hope you'll excuse my keeping *Will* Yesterday being Called to my Relation on *Long Island* who had a pain on y<sup>e</sup> side and moreover the Deeds recorded took me some time to Examine I am &c.

I. BOBIN.

P. S.

Sir.

I fend by *Will* in small money two pounds three Shillings being all I had to spare having over drawn the Governours fees as believe your're sensible.

I have paid yor two Notes of y<sup>e</sup>  
22<sup>d</sup> of Febry last in favour of *Mari-  
as Marsh & Hester Grice.*

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*January y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 172<sup>8</sup>.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir.

I HAVE been with Mr. *Lane* con-  
cerning the Negro Wench, who  
tells me he has her now in his  
House, and is willing to let you  
have her upon Tryal not doubting  
but you'll find her a good slave; I  
will take care that she be sent by  
*Riche.*

S<sup>r</sup> The Report of the Committee  
to whom was referred your account  
of Incidents of your Office has been  
read in Council, but upon some  
Gentlemen opposing the confirma-

tion thereof it was recommitted, and so remains and for no other reason than that they say you ought not to be allowed for Blank Let Passes and Lycences, which have been allowed hitherto, At the same time your Warrant for payment of your years salary out of the Quit-rents Ending the 13<sup>th</sup> of December last, was likewise read and laid before his Excellency for Signing, but was set aside it being objected by some at that Board, that if your Warrant passed with these Words viz<sup>t</sup> [to be paid preferable to all other Establishments] (which words are grounded upon a Minute of Council) they could never expect to receive their Salarys for that yours would always be accordingly paid the first, and that thereby they shou'd be discouraged in the prosecution of their Offices, thereupon

moved that a minute might be made that no more was meant or intended by the word [preferable] than that Warrants for payment of the said Salary be always preferably paid to Warrants upon the said Fund and the same date and be accordingly the first number of such Warrants, which was agreed to by a Majority of the Board, and Ordered that the Warrant be drawn Conformable.

Your being acquainted of these matters as well as having a view of what I am going further to observe will shew how sinisterly some people are inclin'd and in order thereto I send you inclosed the Copy of Minutes of the Committee appointed to Examin the Abstract of Patents, the first Paragraph of the second Minute I think with submission is industriously Pen'd with

an intent to reproach the Office, for the Minute there mentioned to be wanting is not of any consequence or of any greater moment than a loose half sheet of Paper with some Remarks or Observations on Patents and other Records and which was mislay'd by themselves, but the same being since found that part of the Minute is obliterated and they now seem to take little notice of the rest, Notwithstanding I further observed that towards the conclusion of the fourth Paragraph of the said Minutes they took Notice that a great many of the Minutes of Council are wanting and not mentioning what Minutes. I lookt upon those words to be General and fearfull they were couch'd with some design, I therefore advis'd with Mr. *Bickley* to know whether those words if Reported in that manner might hurt

you in your Office, who made me easy in that particular by telling me that the Beginning of the said Paragraph fully explain'd that they are old Records, that are wanting, for which you could not be answerable being that severall were carried to *Boston* by *Sr Edmund Andros*.

As I have ever lookt upon those Gentlemen with a Watchfull Eye, so shall at all times be wakefull in observing every thing that may be for y<sup>e</sup> safety of your jnterest being with great truth and respect

Sr

&c

I hope you've heard of your Trunk

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*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

SECRY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*Jan<sup>y</sup> ye 14<sup>th</sup> 1722.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

THE inclosed Letter I purpos'd to send by Cap<sup>t</sup> *Congreve* who promis'd to call for the same but forgot.

I have received yours of the 12<sup>th</sup> instant and will be punctual in paying Mr. *Kennedy's* mother the sum therein mentioned.

I send by *Will* 10 p<sup>d</sup> of Hops at 1*ƒ* 3*d* 12 p<sup>r</sup> of Kid Gloves at 4*ƒ* 6*d* 2 packs of Cards 3*ƒ*, 12 yd<sup>s</sup> Woorsted Feriting 2*ƒ* 3*d*; 2 Bed Cords 9*ƒ*; & 6 p<sup>d</sup> of Floor Nails 5*ƒ*. As to the Negro Wench I beg leave to referr to the inclosed Letter and am

Yours &c.



I am glad to hear *Riche* remembers the Trunk —

I have been informed by one that had a mind to purchase the said Wench about a twelve Month ago that he offered the same Sum her Master does now ask but that he then insisted upon fifty pounds.

I have paid your note in favour of *J<sup>n</sup> Henderson*

The Governour goes for *Jersey* on Tuesday or Wednesday morning next.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*Janry ye 27<sup>th</sup> 172<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I HAVE yours of the 26<sup>th</sup>; that for Mr. *Walpole* I have taken care to put into the Greyhound News bagg with my own hands.

I fend by *Will* a pound of Bohea Tea at £1. 4*s*. as likewise a pair of blew Coarse stockings at 3*s*. If not likt will be taken again upon return—I went this morning upon the Market to look for fresh Fish, but did not see any. Inclosed is three pounds one shill in small Bills.

Captain *Munro* has a young Negro Wench to dispose off between 16 & 17 years of age born at *Jamaica* in the *West Indies* but brought up here since three years old, he is not willing to let her go upon Tryall, but will warrant her to be sound Limbed and a garl that may be train'd up to any manner of buisness, the price is forty five pounds which he says he gave for her three years ago to Mr. *Dunck*, I have Enquired into her Character among those of the Neighborhood who inform me that she is a good slave.

The reason of parting from her I believe is the want of Money. *Will* can give some account of her, having seen her.

I will make a Copy of your last year's acc<sup>t</sup> of Incidents and send by next opportunity and am with due regard

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir  
&c<sup>a</sup>

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

*February ye 8<sup>th</sup> 172<sup>3</sup>.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

**I** RECEIVED Yesterday Evening yours of the 6<sup>th</sup> instant by *Will*. Inclosed is three pounds in small Bills.

I have been with Mrs. *Schuyler* and acquainted her with what you desired. She desires me to Let you

know that she put aside for you a pair of Gloves and a Scruff which She now sends by *Will* and prays you'll please to accept of the same. The poor woman seems under a great concern for the loss of her husband, I have had from her a half p<sup>s</sup> of *Holland* Linewn q<sup>t</sup> 26 Ells; a p<sup>s</sup> of Cambrick; 2 p<sup>s</sup> of Tape at 1*ƒ* 6 p<sup>r</sup> p<sup>s</sup>; & 1 Ditto at 2*ƒ* as likewise a p<sup>s</sup> of brown Ozibrigg q<sup>t</sup> 72 Ells at 19*d*. Upon inquiry I find it is as good & cheap as those bought at the Merchants all which now goes by *Will* together with 25 p<sup>d</sup> of twelve penny nails at 10*d* ₤ £; Six long silk Laces at 1*ƒ* 6*d* a p<sup>s</sup>; Six yd<sup>s</sup> of white Corded Dimity at 4*ƒ* ₤ yd; an Ounce of Camphire 5*ƒ*.; a pint of Spirits of Wine 6*ƒ*.; 12 p<sup>d</sup> of Hard Soap. a p<sup>s</sup> of Garlix chose by Mrs. *Ludlow* £3. 10*ƒ*; As to Loaf Sugar there is none to be got in Town.

Sr I fend you inclosed a Copy of the Address of the House of Commons to his Majesty which is lately come by the way of *Bristol* in a Brigantine belonging to *Abraham Vanborn*. She brings little or no news; the Lords in the Tower are not yet brought to Tryal. I am now preparing his Excellencys orders to the Judge of the Pleas in y<sup>e</sup> severall Countys relating to the Probate of Wills &c<sup>a</sup> His Excellency declines appoing Surrogates in the remote Countys, and as to Apprazers Mr. *Harison* and Coll *Lurting* have the power of Deputation. I am with all due regard.

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

Yours &c.

I have dispatched *Will* with all Expedition—It is now between twelve and one.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

SECRY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*March ye 13<sup>th</sup> 172<sup>3</sup>.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I HAVE paid yo<sup>r</sup> note of the 12<sup>th</sup> inst in favour of Mr. *Temple* to his wife by whom I now send a few Oranges which I hope will meet with your and Mad<sup>m</sup> *Clarke's* acceptance I am sorry Limes are so scarce that I cant get any.

The Particulars sent by *Will* when last in Town are as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> Two Grofs of Corks 7*f*; a p<sup>s</sup> of Cherconne Romacks £3; a Tin Funnell 1*f* 3*d*; 3 p<sup>s</sup> of *Holland* Tape 7*f*; a Loaf of Double refine Sugar q<sup>t</sup> 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> at 2*f*. 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; a p<sup>d</sup> of Bohea Tea £1. 4, & two Packs of Cards 2*f*. 6*d*—

I have been with *Jones* concerning a wigg, who has promised me

to make one according to desire against April next.

Yesterday arrived in the Evening *Andrew Bisset*, Master of the *Snow Hamilton*, who left *London* the 7<sup>th</sup> of December last and the 26 following from the *Downs* to *Maderas* Arrived some time in January, by whom we have the following advice That Councilor *Leare* was Tryed and Condemned and that some time in January was assigned for his Execution, but upon his proposalls of making a full discovery was reprieved for two months, and that the Lord Bishop of *Rocheſter* and the other Lords in the Tower were not brought to Tryal nor it was not known when they would. I have Enquired but do not hear of any Letters for you and am' with respect

S<sup>r</sup>

Yours &c

Q

by *Will* was likewise sent in my  
Letter £3. 1 —

*Isaac Robin to George Clarke.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*March ye 19<sup>th</sup> 1723.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I HAVE received yours of Yesterday by *Will* I send now by him Ropes, Leading Lines, half a pound of Nutmegs and twelve pound of starch. I have sent to most places in Town but Cant get Garden Beans, those that have had any have planted them, I sent likewise to Mr. *Delancey* who was sorry you did not think of 'em sooner he having made use of all he had. There has not been any fish upon the Markets this Day — What else is mentioned in your Letter I will be punctual in observing.



S<sup>r</sup> Mr. *Harison* presents you his Humble Service as likewise to Mad<sup>m</sup> *Clarke* and Mad<sup>m</sup> *Hyde*. He is much concerned about a Patent that appears in this Office for 3000 acres of Land on the West side of *Hudsons* River to the Southward of *Old Mans* Creek, granted by Coll *Ingoldsby* to *W<sup>m</sup> Glinicrofs*, *Alexander Campbell* and *Thomas Harding*. The said Patent being for Land for which he has a Grant from Brigad<sup>r</sup> *Hunter* and as the said Patent is prior to his he is Apprehensive that he will suffer, but what gives him some hopes of a remedy is that *Glinicrofs* and others have never paid any Quit rent for said Land nor does said Patent appear upon Record, neither is it signed by yourself or Deputy. He desired me to mention it to you believing you would give him your advice in that affair.

P. S.

S<sup>r</sup> *Will*, Since I finished my Letter, has got about a q<sup>t</sup> of garden Beans for w<sup>ch</sup> he has been obliged to pay 9d.

*Isaac Robin to George Clarke.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*Ap<sup>l</sup> ye 3<sup>d</sup> 1723.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir.

THE Chairs go now by *Riche* as likewise two Barrls of *Long Island* Beef at £1. 18. ̄ Bar<sup>l</sup>, & the Box with Candles q<sup>t</sup> 63 p<sup>d</sup>

I have referred sending Lime Juice till another opportunity that which is now in Town being not only bad but deer. Vessells are dayly expected from the *West Indies*, when they are arrived I will look out for some that is good and at the

same time Endeavour to get some fruit for Mad<sup>m</sup> *Clarke*.

The Governour will meet the Assembly of this Province the 7<sup>th</sup> of May next according to the adjournment of that House. I have by his Order sent Circular Letters to acquaint the members thereof. His Excellency will go for *Fersey* the 23<sup>d</sup> of this instant—The Vessells mentioned in the inclosed Mercury now at *Amboy* bound for *London* will not fail before the Latter End of this Week or beginning of next. The Gov<sup>r</sup> upon Information that a Malignant Distemper was raging in the Island of *Jamaica*, called a Council whereupon an order was made that the Ferry man at the *Narrows* on *Long Island* side and likewise the Ferry men on *Staten Island* do on the approach of any Vessell from Sea repair on Board

every Veffell coming in and if any of them come from *Jamaica* they are to forbid them to proceed further than the Watering place under *Staten Island* till further order.

Mr. *Jemmey Morris* is very bad of a Consumption in fo much that his life is dayly difpaired off.

S<sup>r</sup> I omitted to mention that I likewise now fend by *Riche* a Bar<sup>l</sup> of Moloffes q<sup>t</sup> 32 Gal. 21d <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Gal.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*April 17, 1723.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I HAVE received yours of y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> jnst. by *Riche*, I fend now by him y<sup>e</sup> following particulars Viz<sup>t</sup> five Gallons of Lime Juice at 2*s*. 6. <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Gal; a Barr<sup>l</sup> of Tarr at 7*s*. 6*d*; a

Gallon of Sallade Oyl 12*s*; Eleven fathom of White well Rope, Three Bafs, Two Grofs of Corks at 3*s* 6*d*. I have not found any Ox Cart Boxes Sutable to the Scize you fent, but fhall make further Enquiry. As to Loaf Sugar there is none in Town nor has there been as yet any Lobfter upon Market, And in Cash two fifteen Shilling Bills one of Twenty and one of Six together with Eleven dollars, which make in the whole Six pounds two Shillings.

S<sup>r</sup> Since my Laft there has not arrived but one Veffell from the *West Indies* which was from *Jamaica*, She brought no fruit, all the fruit upon that Island being destroyed by the late Storm they have had there; the News that a Contagious Diftemper was raging there proves falfe.

When Veffells arrive and bring

fruit I will not be wanting to get  
some to fend to the *plains*.

I am

&c.

I. BOBIN.

*Geo. Clarke Esqr*

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*Apr<sup>l</sup> ye 19<sup>th</sup> 1723.*

Sr

I HAVE received yours of Yesterday. I am sorry I can not find any Ox Cart Boxes to the Demenſions you deſire,—*Waltber Thong* tells me he expects ſome Dayly from *Boston*.

Coll. *Lurting* inform'd me of a Negro wench to be diſpoſed off by one *Chaloner* who is going to Live with his Family at *Rhode Iſland*,

Whereupon I went to the said *Chaloner* where I saw the Wench he brought w<sup>th</sup> him about 3 years ago & is about twenty Years of age; speaks pretty good English, Sound Limb, understand every thing belonging to Household affairs (as her Master inform'd me). The Lowest price he tells me is forty five pounds ready money and will not let her go upon Tryal. I omitted to mention that y<sup>e</sup> wench is Six months gone w<sup>th</sup> Child as her M<sup>r</sup> told me.

I am commanded by his Ex<sup>cy</sup> & Coun<sup>l</sup> to send you the jnclosed Minute of which you are to take notice and Govern yourselves accordingly.

*Isaac Bobin to Mrs. Hyde.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*June y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1723.*

Madam.

I HAVE received yours of Yesterday by *Will*, & am sorry to hear of Mr. *Clarkes* Indisposition. I wish him his health as likewise all y<sup>e</sup> family.

Madam

I send now by *Will* 8 Lobsters & 27 Crabbs; a pound of Bohea Tea £1. 4 as likewise fifty shillings in small Bills. I will observe what you write me in relation to Miss *Molly*, and will pay Mr. *Cook* two Pistolls according to desire—I am concern'd to hear that the thought of Miss *Molly Dickens* not being paid for the Silk Stockings should give you any uneasiness. I hope she



has not been so unkind as to ask you or Mr. *Clarke* for it when in Town, for I paid it her immediately after ordered, she may Remember I gave her a Pistoll and she had not change to give me ; I have her Receipt which will Reconcile that matter, I give you Mr. *Clarke* and Mad<sup>m</sup> *Clarke* Joy of master *Hyde's* recovery and am with respect.

Mad<sup>m</sup> &c.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*July 2<sup>d</sup> 1723.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I HAVE yours of Yesterday, I have been with *J<sup>n</sup><sup>o</sup> Chambers* and received from him 44 Ounces and a half of Plate I send by *Cæsar* a Testament and Spelling Book as likewise some Lobsters.

We hear from *Albany* that Coll  
*John Schuyler* has been discovered  
to Trade with *Canada*.

I. BOBIN.

*George Clarke* Esq<sup>r</sup>.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*July ye 12<sup>th</sup> 1723.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir.

I RECEIVED this morning your  
Letter of Yesterday, & will ob-  
serve what you write now concerning  
a Welsh Dairy made, as well what  
you mention relating to *Allane*  
*Farret*. *Lawrence* has never spoke  
to me about any maid.

I will Enquire of *Cook* to day  
when Miss *Mollys* month is expired  
and pay him. I send by *Will* 32  
Gallons of Rum at 3*s*. 3*d*.

I have paid *Molly Sheppard* four pounds.

As to Mr. *Byerlys* Mortgage I believe 'tis among the Deeds I sent you according to the desire of your Letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> of March, 172 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*July ye 17<sup>th</sup> 1723.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I HAVE received yours of the 13<sup>th</sup> Inst. what you observe therein concerning Mr. *Byerly's* Mortgage is very Just, for upon second thought I remembred I had it from you and gave it to Mr. *Wileman* (who now has it) in order for to make oath to the Execution of it, which he has not as yet done, but has promised me to do it out of hand

this week. I will not be wanting in often calling upon him till it is compleated and then Record it.

I have spoke to *Lawrence* who tells me he has not as yet heard of a Maid, but will use his utmost Endeavour to get one,—*Allane Farratt* is not yet arrived.

I have delivered your Letter to the Treasurer—I have paid the Bearer your Note in his favour.

Mr. *Boelen*, the Dutch Lawyer, who is concern'd for the Persons naturaliz'd complain'd to his Excellency that I insisted upon twenty shillings for each Person named in the Act whereupon his Ex<sup>cy</sup> sent for me and told me he would have no other fees taken than such as were directed by Ordinance, for tho' there was several Persons named in the Act Yet it was no more than one. I observed to his Ex<sup>cy</sup> that

when the Committee met upon that Act they were of opinion that each Person named therein in paying 20*l.* to the Secretary was but reasonable; he said he had nothing to do with their private opinion and with some heat say'd, you had never acquainted him of it, and moreover he lookt upon y<sup>t</sup> demand to be an Exaction, and that I might acquaint you of the same.

I will observe your good cautions and any . . . . . *Coden* brings news from *Rhode Island* y<sup>t</sup> twenty three of the Pyrates are Condemn'd there, one ordered for Execution, Capt. *Solgard* was to sail from there Sunday last.

Inclosed is four pound.

*Isaac Robin to George Clarke.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*July ye 19<sup>th</sup> 1723.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I HAVE received your Letter of Yesterday that you therein mention of Saturday last did not come to hand before Wednesday last, and to which I then sent you an answer by *Guyon Nesbit*, The substance thereof being that Mr. *Wileman* has Mr. *Byerly's* Mortgage in order to make Oath to the Execution of it.

That I have spoke to *Lawrence* who has promised me to use his Best Endeavours to get a Maid Servant for you.

That I delivered your Letter to the Treasurer.

That the Governour will not allow any more fees to be taken or

received for the naturalization Acts than what is directed by Ordinance, and now in consequence of yours of yesterday I have been at Mr. *Laws* to acquaint him that *Will* had lost the Letter from him to you but he is gone out of Town.

The Treasurer desires to be excused from writing by this Opportunity by reason he is now very busy making up his accounts.

I have paid *John Smith* forty shillings and send inclosed in small Bills four pounds.

The Acts of Assembly now past I believe will be sent home by the *Snow* that is expected dayly here with *Franks*.

Yesterday in the Evening arrived here from *Bristol* after a Passage of Nine weeks I do not hear that she brings any news.

*Ripet* is likewise arrived from  
*Barbados* but has brought no fruit.

I am with respect

S<sup>r</sup> your &c.

I BOBIN.

Miss *Molly* is very well.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*July ye 27<sup>th</sup> 1723.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I HAVE received yours of Yesterday; according to your desire therein I have been with the Treasurer who tells me his Accounts will be ready for you on Thursday or Friday next.

Inclosed is four pounds in small Bills.

I send now by *Will* two pr of



Traces @ 5*s*, 4*d*; Leading Lines 3*s*. 4½*d*; twelve pound of starch 6*s*.; Three Yards of White silk Galloon 1*s*. 6*d*; Padlock and staples 3*s*.

I have writ this morning to Mr. *Thos Dongan* by an Opportunity that offered for *Staten Island*.

I will mind *Lawrence* of what you write me concerning a Dairy Maid and Red Clover feed.

Capt<sup>t</sup> *Solgard* arrived here on Thursday last; after Careening his ship he designs to take another Cruise,

Capt. *Jarratt* is not yet arrived.

I. BOBIN.

Mr. *Clarke*.

*Isaac Robin to George Clarke.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*August ye 1<sup>st</sup> 1723.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I HAVE received your Letter of Yesterday by *Will*, and send now by him a Barr<sup>l</sup> of Beef at 37*s*. 6*d* bought at Mr. *Jay*'s. I am Inform'd by the Packers 'tis the best in Town, Mr. *Jay* says he'll warrant it to be good, I send likewise the Candle Box with Candles q<sup>t</sup> 75 p<sup>d</sup> at 7½*d* Ⓕ p<sup>d</sup> as also a Bits-worth of Allum; The other things I will send by *Riche*; every thing bought for your use is with this Caution if not likt either as to 'tis price or goodness to be taken again; this I do to prevent deceit, and will observe the hint you give me concerning

Mr. *Alexander*. The Galloon I sent last was not bought there, but at Mrs. *Stillwells*, who upon writing to her about the Extraordinary price of the Galloon sent me the inclosed answer and says she pays half a bit a yard for it at the Merchants by the p<sup>s</sup> and that all she had left she sold at the price of that she sold you.

I have paid *Elenor Carpenter* your note in her favour.

I am glad to hear you have received no damage from the storm we have had last Monday it has done considerable to the Docks.

The inclosed Letter I believe to be from Mr. *Thomas Dongan* in answer to what I writ him.

The Treasurer's Accounts are ready.

The Master of a *Bristol* Vessell has been so kind to present me with

a Bottle of Capers which I desire  
you'll accept from S<sup>r</sup>

Your humble Servant

I. BOBIN.

*Geo. Clarke Esq.*

*Thomas Dongan to Isaac Bobin.*

CASTLETOWN, Aug<sup>t</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1723.

S<sup>r</sup>

I WAS favour'd w<sup>th</sup> yours this  
Morning relateing to Mr. *Clarke's*  
affairs and herewith send him an  
answer. I should be glad if leifure  
did permit to have the fatisfaction  
of seeing y<sup>u</sup> at my House, and shall  
be allways proud if any opportunity  
offers wherein I can shew my sincere  
acknowledgm<sup>t</sup> of the favours con-  
ferr'd by you upon S<sup>r</sup>

Your oblig'd humble

Serv<sup>t</sup>

THO<sup>s</sup> DONGAN.

*Isaac Bobin to Robert King.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*Sept<sup>r</sup> ye 11<sup>th</sup> 1723.*

Sir

**M**R. Secretary *Clarke* being in want of a Negro wench & I having had advice from Mr. *King* that there is one to be sold at *Amboy* on a months Likeing, before I mention it to Mr. *Clarke* I should be glad to know the reason of her being sold and whether upon Enquiry you may think she is fit for service and that no ill qualitys attend her.

S<sup>r</sup> I have very little acquaintance at *Amboy* is the occasion of my giving you this trouble desiring you'll be so kind to make such an Inquiry and to let me hear from you concerning y<sup>e</sup> same so soon as

conveniently may be; I must confess I can't conclude without blushing for my freedom herein.

*Isaac Robin to George Clarke.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, N. YORK,

Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> 1723.

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

SINCE my Letter to you of Yesterday by *Riche* I have received yours of the same day. All the things mentioned in your Memorandum are a Board of *Riche*. *Riche* not being gone *Will* takes the small things with him. Mrs. *Schuyler* now sends a p<sup>s</sup> of Shalone, a p<sup>s</sup> of Muslin & a p<sup>s</sup> of Linen Silk. She advises me to acquaint you that she cant get a p<sup>s</sup> of Druget in Town to match the shalone under forty yards.

S<sup>r</sup> The weather not being settled, I have not ventur'd to send the Papers.

As to Miss *Mollys* Trunk &<sup>a</sup> Mrs. *Congreve* will take care to send in such order as they may goe safe. Mr. *Cook* says the Spinnet must not go till the Weather is better settled, & y<sup>t</sup> he will tune it and Quil it as likewise set her some Tunes. *Will* Informs me of Mad<sup>m</sup> *C*—— being brought to Bed of a girl of which I give you Joy and am

The Council will set to Morrow, in order to sign y<sup>e</sup> quarterly Warrants & to receive y<sup>e</sup> Report of y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>ce</sup> upon y<sup>e</sup> Computation.

The Gov<sup>r</sup> has named the present Mayor & Sheriff of this City to be Mayor & Sheriff for the year En-  
fuing; he has likewise made no alteration at *Albany* in the Majest-  
rates; will go for *Jersey* Monday  
next.

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I have sent a few Limes w<sup>ch</sup> I desire you'll please to accept with my hearty wishes for Mad<sup>m</sup> *Clarke's* recovery, I am glad Mr. *Riggs* prevailed upon Mr. *Brown* to go with *Will* and am with all due regard.

Sr Yours &c.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*Septemb. ye 15<sup>th</sup> 1723.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

THERE goes now by *Riche* (upon whom I could not prevail to go sooner) a Barrel of Beef £1. 17*s*. 6*d*; a Q<sup>r</sup> Cask of Wine @ £6; twelve pound of hard Soap @ 6*s*; twelve p<sup>d</sup> of Chocolat £1. 1*s*; two Barr<sup>ls</sup> of Beer a p<sup>d</sup> of Bohea Tea @ £1.; Six q<sup>r</sup> of writing



Paper. *Will* carryed with him from Mr. *Lanes* four Bottles of Brandy with a Letter from Mr. *Lane*.

I have not sent Miss *Mollys* Spinnet, Mr. *Cook* telling me it would be spoilt if sent in wet Weather; he has promised me to Tune it to day or to morrow; the Frame &c referred till another time by reason of y<sup>e</sup> weather.

Yesterday I laid before his Ex<sup>cy</sup> in Council according to order the Treasurers Accounts, together with your Computation of the Auditor's fees for Auditting the same. Whereupon his Excellency referred it to the Gent. of the Council or any five of them to Examine. whether the Computation of the Auditor's Salary be right, I acquainted him with y<sup>e</sup> Reason of your so suddenly leaving the Town.

*Robert King to Isaac Bobin.*

PERTH AMBOY, *Septembr 24<sup>th</sup> 1723.*

Sir

PURSUANT to Mr. *Thomas Duncans* request have inquired for a Negro Wench whither she may sute Mr. Sec<sup>try</sup> *Clarks* Service I know not—

but that she hath bin in this Country ab<sup>t</sup> three years hath a healthy Like man Childe of ab<sup>t</sup> Eight mo:ould; I believe will be sould for 50 or 51 / her want of being well taught is the only objection I make she hath but Lately faln into propper hands was my servant near two years, the dutty Negros are subject to at *N: York* I find will make the owner scruple sending her in case it be required untill that be Clear'd, tho' tis likely

that doct<sup>r</sup> *Hume* p<sup>d</sup> it when he imported her w<sup>th</sup> other Negros pleass to favour me with your answer that I may Let the owner of the Serv<sup>t</sup> know, with my most humble respects to Mr. *Clarke*,

Sir Your most Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

ROBT KING.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

SECRY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

September y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1723.

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir,

THE Drugget &c. from Mr. *Schuyler* is ready to go by *Riche* as well as Miss *Molly's* Spinnet. Mr. *Cook* promised me some New Tunes for her but is gone without giving me any.—

I have not heard from *Amboy* about Mr. *King's* Wench but will write again.

I have been with Mrs. *Vernon* concerning *Windiford's* Negro Wench, who tells me she must have a further Tryall of her before she can give her Opinion; The Wench goes there again Monday next for further Tryal.

Coll. *Lurting* has not any of your damnified flannen left, Mr. *Lane* informs me that he has sent Mr. *Chiswells* Bills for you by Mr. *Bickley*.

*Franks* informs me the Vessel he came in from *London* will not fail for that place before the middle of next Month. I have paid Mr. *Brownell* for Miss *Mollys* schooling as likewise for Six Balls of Gold & one of Silver Thread for Miss *Molly*, at £1. 6*s*. which I send now by Mr. *Winman* the Upholsterer. The bearer being impatient to go will give me time to add nothing more.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*Octobr ye 1<sup>st</sup> 1723.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I HAVE received yours of Yesterday by good Mr. *Bickley*, and will be carefull in sending Miss *Mollys* Spinnet &c<sup>a</sup> by *Riche*, with the other things you write for.

I have writ again to *Ambey*.

S<sup>r</sup> Upon hearing that Doctor *Dupuy* had a Negro Wench to dispose of I have spoke to him concerning her who tells me the Attorney General and some others are about buying her, but you shall have the preference, he is willing to let her go upon Tryal for a Month, not doubting but you'll find her a good slave, She is about Nineteen and twenty Years of age

brought up in his Family from an Infant, he will not take less for her than fifty five pounds. Mrs. *Harding* sent a White woman Servant to me with the inclosed Note who says She is willing to serve you if you have occasion, That she understands any thing belonging to Household affairs y<sup>t</sup> she and her husband is come from *Boston* where they had a small Settlement in the Country but the Indians having destroyed which reduced them to look for a livelyhood, her husband likewise offers his services if you have occasion, he tells me he has been brought up to Agriculture Husbandry and that he likewise understands Weaving, They are people about thirty years of age Sturdy and strong and seem well made to work —

I have spoke to *Lawrence* con-

cerning the Clover seed who has promised me very faithfully to bring it next Trip—

As to the Lawyers Accounts Mr. *Wileman* has taken the Minutes of the Supream Court from me in order to make them out, he shewed me that he has begun upon them, and says that he will set all business aside to Compleat them, I told him that he had so often made such promises that you had no hopes of his ever compleating them, and that I would do them, in Answer to which he told me no one could do them so well as himself they having been taken in his time, and y<sup>t</sup> he should be as uneasy as yourself till they were done.

Since I writ this I have received yours by *Will*, and send now by him — of Candles, an hour Glafs 1 *ſ* 6*d* a pound of Bohea Tea £1 ;

half a hundred of Gun Flint 2*ſ* 6*d*  
 and four yards and three Nails of  
 y<sup>d</sup> Wide Flannen, & 8 p<sup>d</sup> of Hops.  
 As to Hemp Seed I have Enquired  
 of Capt *Searl* who tells me he has  
 not any, nor does not know of any  
 in Town, but that he has writ to  
*Jerſey* for ſome and if he gets any  
 will ſpare me as much as you deſire.  
 As to Miſs *Mollys* muſick it will go  
 with the Spinnot. The things from  
 Mrs. *Schuyler* go likewise with *Will*,  
 Mrs. *Schuyler* has thought fit to  
 ſend the whole piece of Drugget  
 and what remains ſhe take back.



*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

SECRY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*Octobr ye 16<sup>th</sup> 1723.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I HAVE received your Letter of yesterday and have paid *Nurse Parker* five pounds and send inclosed in Small Bills, three pounds.

The several fundarys sent by *Will* are mentioned in the within memo. with their prices. I have ventur'd to buy a pair of stockings over and above the number mentioned in your Letter *Will* telling me he is very much in want of a pair, and that he had forgot to speak to you otherwise they wou'd have been mentioned in the Letter, As to y<sup>e</sup> scales &c. they must go by next Opportunity the Man not having got them ready according to promise.

The p<sup>s</sup> of Linen from Mrs. *Schuyler* I am afraid is too Coarse but she tells me she has no other y<sup>t</sup> comes near the price you desired as y<sup>t</sup> now sent y<sup>e</sup> price being £3. 8*s*. her Family is very much out of Order and desires to be excused if she cannot doe as she could wish.

Mr. *Kennedy* tells me the Quit Rents come in so slow that he has very little Cash in hand but if 9 or 10 pounds will be of any service he will advance it on Credit of the Warrant.

*Bradford* has not any of *Lillys* Accedences or Accedences and Grammars, but expects some dayly from *Boston* as well as *Philadelphia* —

The Letters you sent to the Treasurers I have Copy'd seal'd and delivered to him, who tells me he is indisposed with the Feaver inso-much that he is not able to take

Pen in hand to make answer to it but so soon as he is better will.

The Clover feed goes now by *Will* as likewise Mr. *Dupuis* Negro Wench, I could not prevail upon her master to give her two Blankets so have bought her a couple according to order, he has given her a pair of New Shoes and Stockins.

I understand she does not want for Close, she is unwilling to be sold, and her Mistress as unwilling to part from her, which makes the Dr afraid she'll be stubborn and say she can do nothing but desires you'll not believe her for she can do every thing belonging to a House, except milking a Cow, She has liv'd some time with Mr. *Nicholls* the Post Master which made me Inquire of him as to her Character who tells me she is a Wench knows the business of a House, but that who ever

buys her must have a watchful Eye over her otherwise she will be apt to Idle her time. I have enquired at other places where she has liv'd but do not hear an Ill Character of her, I hope she may answer to Expectation.

The Vessel for *London* will fail next week.

I can't get any Spanish Tobacco but have sent all I had in the Office and am with respect

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

I BOBIN.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*October ye 21<sup>st</sup> 1723.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

**A**T the request of Mr. *Haskoll* I send you the inclosed by the bearer (who is paid for his Journey by the Governour) —

I send you by this opportunity Mr. *Byerlys* Bond & Mortgage which I have Recorded and Examined.

Capt<sup>t</sup> *Solgard* arrived here yesterday from his Cruise.

I hear they have done very little as yet in *Jersey*. That since the Governour has been there they have had but one Council, and the Assembly have Resolved to strike Bills of Credit to the Value of forty thousand pounds the one half to be Proclamation and the other half to

bear the Credit of *New York* Currency ; the whole to be sunk in 20 years.

I met last Saturday *Andrew Johnston* who told me the reason of not answering my Letter was his coming to Town that he had enquired as to y<sup>e</sup> Ch. of the Negro Wench to be disposed of at *Amboy*, that he is informed she is stubborn & not very active at her work, that she belongs to one *Harrison* who was formerly Sheriff of *Amboy*, and the only reason of her being sold is the want of money—The price he tells is Seventy five pounds for her and her Child about four years of age which I look on to be a very extraordinary price, especially for one that has not being long in the Country, and knows but little as he tells me. I hope *Dupuy's* Wench will please Mad<sup>m</sup> *Clarke*, so if you believe she

will not do I should be glad to know that I may Inquire further and am

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*Octob. ye 29<sup>th</sup> 1723.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I HAVE received yours of Yesterday by *Will* and send now by him the several particulars mentioned in the inclosed Memorandum, The other things I will endeavor to get ready to go by *Riche*.

I have inclosed four Pounds, & have given *Will* 22*s*. to buy a Hatt at the Ferry for your Carpenter.

The bearer arrived here Saturday last from *London* after a Passage of Six weeks—The *Sunderland* was to follow him in Six days after he

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Sailed, and the Ship *Samuel* in ten, Captain *Symes* is Confirmd as likewise *Blood* who is Commanded up to *Albany*, and young Mr. *Riggs* is to take his Post here—As to News I begg leave to referr you to y<sup>e</sup> inclosed Papers which Mr. *Delancey* has been so kind to give me.

The inclosed Letters I received from Mr. *Nicholls* except one which I believe to be from Mr. *Dongan*.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*November y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1723.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I HAVE received yours of Yesterday by *Will*, I have been at Dr. *Dupuys* but have not seen him but expect to see him some time to Day I will then mention to him



what you write me concerning *Mary*, I believe it will be necessary to take a Bill of Sale for her when the Money is paid. —

Cap<sup>t</sup> *Low* won't Let the Boy go on Tryal. —

Mess<sup>rs</sup> *Schuyler* and *Van Brugh* tell me they can not now inform me of what you desire but will be particular in sending an answer by y<sup>e</sup> Post to every thing after they arrive at *Albany*, The Deed they have carryed with them in order to be Executed there by Coll *J<sup>n</sup><sup>o</sup> Sylvester*. I inclose you Mr. *Van Dams* Memorandum of the Account relating to *Schohare* those Gentlemen have been very Extravigant in their Account, in one Article they charged twenty five pounds for y<sup>t</sup> Expence and fatiague of their Voyage from *Albany*, which Article is struck out as well as some others which Mr.

*Van Dam* look'd upon to be very Exhorbitant.' Mr. *Kennedy* has paid me £15. on account of your Warrant of Incidents which sum is inclosed, and he was just then going for *Amboy* so that he had not time to fill up the Blanks in the Account of Mr. *Walpoles* Horse.

I have received from Mr. *Bickley* 44 Ounces & a half of Silver at 9s ̄ Ounce.—The *Beaver* will faile the twentyeth of this Instant—*Bradford* has not yet got any of *Lillys* accidences or Grammars he has promised to let me know when they come As to flax I have not yet inquired for any Expecting that Mr. *Dongan* in his Letters to you might have given you an account of some, but have sent £1. p<sup>d</sup> for present use. I will now Enquire for that as well as Hemp seed I cannot get any Spanish Tobacco

good enough to fend now, but will see further against next opportunity.

The ship *Sunderland* arrived here monday last, after a Passage of 7 weeks from ye *Lizard* Cap<sup>t</sup> *Symes* is come with his Commission for Captain; the King was expected home y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> of October.

There was not any Letters for you in the Post Office; that for Mad<sup>m</sup> *Hyde* I had from Mr. *Nicholls*.

Mr. *Cook* has sent several Wires that Miss *Molly* may take which she thinks will suit Best, he tells me that he is very sorry Miss has left the Town for that she will forget all she has Learnt; he proposes to go to the *Plains* some time next week, but says he cant confine himself to the Country above a Day; he desired me present his humble services to yourself Mad<sup>m</sup>, *Clarke* Mad<sup>m</sup> *Hyde* and Miss *Molly*,

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*Molly Decan* desired me likewise to mention y<sup>t</sup> the Joyns therein. I fend now by *Will* with the other things mentioned in y<sup>e</sup> jnclosed memorandum a few Limes which I hope you'll accept from

S<sup>r</sup>

&c.

I. BOBIN.

Mr. *Clarke*.

*C. Denne to Isaac Bobin.*

DEN HILL, *noubr* y<sup>e</sup> 14. 1723.

Kind S<sup>r</sup>

I RECEUED yours dated oct<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 30: I mett with the doctors man & *beats* together I Red. that Letter to *beats* as you writte to him & also Repremanded him ffor Giuen the Doctors Land an ill Report; he has promised me that he will not

doe foe no more ffor the time to  
 Come the docters man was uery  
 well fatisfied and told to me that  
*beats* would go off without any  
 further trouble Sr I fhall always  
 be Redy to ferue you or yours when  
 I haue Refeued foe many ffauours  
 ffrom & hope I fhall Liuee to make  
 you amends ffor, which I haue not  
 yet done.

Sr I now make bold to trouble  
 you with a Line or to ffor to Lett  
 you know that our good neighbours  
 haue been a plotting againft me  
 again there is that white Lookt  
 Gent *John Everett* and *duning* has  
 made it theire hole bufnefs to fett  
 Justice *Alfup* and my felfe at uarence  
 which is at a uery hie degree & alfoe  
 againft Judge *Blagg* & old Mr.  
*Clowes* Sr I pray pardon me ffor it  
 is to Long to much ffor to give you  
 the hole acompt but If you fhould

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see Judge *Blagg* he will in fform to  
you the hole matter Sr my seruice  
to your felfe & to Docter *Dupuy* &  
to my Good ffrind *John Chambers*  
whoe is with Respect

Your ffrind & humble ferv<sup>t</sup>

C. DENNE.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

*Novr ye 22<sup>d</sup> 1723.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I HAVE received yours of the 18<sup>th</sup>  
jnft, and am glad to hear you  
have hopes the fervant I fent will  
do; after copying and fealing *Law-  
rence Smyth's* Letter I have fent it  
under Cover to Mr. *Andrew John-  
son* defiring him to forward it; all  
the Papers you fent me I fend now  
back by this Opportunity fairly  
Copied and Examined.

The Letters you sent for *England*  
I have put into the *Beaver's* Bagg—  
The Treasurer continues much indisposed so that he does not know when he shall be able to get his Accounts ready—I send herewith 20<sup>l</sup> of 22<sup>d</sup> nails and six q<sup>r</sup> of Copying Paper.

I will observe what you write me concerning Mr. *Van Dam*, When *Riche* comes I will send by him The Candles and Chocolate and the Charrot Wheels if they be ready.

I am

S<sup>r</sup>

&c.

I. BOBIN.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

SECRETARY'S OFF., N. YORK,

*November ye 27<sup>th</sup> 1723.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I SEND now by *Riche* a Box of Candles and am sorry those I sent before of Mrs. *Smiths* prov'd so bad, those that go now I have bought at one *Peltreau* where I was inform'd they were better. As to the Chocolate it is so dear I have not sent any the lowest they ask is two and nine pence the pound and that but very Indifferent Cocoa being sold at 10 & 11 pounds the hundred.

Sunday last arrived here the ship *Samuel* from *London* the 23<sup>d</sup> of September and from the *Downs* the 29<sup>th</sup> It is Believed she will sail from hence in about 10 or fourteen days the greatest part of her loading



being ready — Mr. *Sharpas* presents his humble Service to you and Mad<sup>m</sup> *Clarke* as likewise to Mad<sup>m</sup> *Hyde* and Miss *Molly* in w<sup>ch</sup> I beg leave to Join and has desired me to send you the inclosed Political states for the Months of July and August last.

The Treasurer continues still jndisposed.

We are not yet upon any certainty when the Governour will come from *Jersey*.

I have not yet heard from Mr. *Smith* of *Amboy*.

Yours &c.

I. BOBIN.

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*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*Dec. ye 6<sup>th</sup> 1723.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

**I**T was last night before I rec<sup>d</sup>  
yours of the 23<sup>d</sup> past by *Riche*—  
I have sent you the Papers therein  
mentioned fairly Copyed by Mr.  
*Lawrence* which I hope you have  
received.

Mr. *Wileman* tells me has near  
compleated the Lawyers acc<sup>ts</sup> I  
send now by *Riche* a pound of Bo-  
hea Tea £1. 9<sup>s</sup> an ou of Blew  
sewing filk 4<sup>s</sup> 6.

The *Sunderland* is bound this  
Trip for *Jamaica*, We have no  
other Vessell going for *London* but  
the *Samuel* which will sail the Latter  
End of next week.

Mrs. *Patty Ludlow* having not

time to go with me to buy y<sup>e</sup> Huckaback you write for and *Riche* being in haste to go it must therefore be sent by next opportunity.

Coll *Riggs* desires me to present his humble service to you Mad<sup>m</sup> and Mad<sup>m</sup> *Hyde*.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*January y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1723.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I HAVE received yours of the 4<sup>th</sup> Instant, and send now the several particulars mentioned in the inclosed memorandum.

The wine I hope you'll find good—it is bought of *J<sup>n</sup><sup>o</sup> Vanborn* where Mr. *Sharpas* had is, I cou'd not prevail upon him to spare a Hoghead—

*George Burnet* has not any Blew Stockings at 9*s*. a p<sup>r</sup> left, but has sent two p<sup>r</sup> of Blew at 10*s*. and the Purple and Green @ 9*s*. as likewise a p<sup>r</sup> of coarse @ 6*s*. he is willing not to be paid for them before he knows whether Mad<sup>m</sup> *Clarke* likes them. I send you Mrs. *Schuylers* Accounts and the Key of the Trunk, The Enrollment of all the Laws since the Governours arrival is perfected & I will observe what you write me in taking a fair opportunity of getting a Warrant for that Service as well as for Incidents and the Rent Roll.

The Gov<sup>r</sup> & Council has appointed Dr. *Colden* Surveyor and Commis-  
sioner with Mr. *Harison* Coll Pro-  
voost and Mr. *Jansen* or any 3 of  
them to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in  
February next at *Rye*, the Com<sup>rs</sup>  
to be appointed by *Connecticut* for

running the Line between this Province and that Colony.

I have given *Will* Eighteen pence to pay for mending *Molly Shepards* shoes.

Mr. *Wileman* tells me he has near finished the Lawyers Bills and is now going on in order to compleat them.

Mr. *Kennedy* has paid me the Ballance of your account which I send herewith together with the Receipts you desire, and a Letter from him. Inclosed is a Letter from *England* by the way of *Boston*, The Vessell arriv'd brings no news worthy Notice.

I send inclosed the *Boston & Philadelphia* Papers of last Post.

The Smith y<sup>t</sup> mended your Jack was imployed by one *Robin* a Brasier to whom *Will* gave it for mending, the Smith is gone to the Country

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and the Braſier tells me he paid him 6*s*. for mending of it but that ſince it ſo happens y<sup>t</sup> it will not doe he will not charge it.

I have not heard from the Man that promiſed me the Flaxſeed. I will Enquire further.

I heartily wiſh you a happy New Year and many others with Mad<sup>m</sup> Clarke and your good family. The Guns go back mended as likewise the Jack, I am

Yours

I BOBIN.

*Memorandum of Sundrys ſent by Will  
January y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 172<sup>3</sup> $\frac{1}{4}$ .*

12 lb of hard Soap at <i>Pelte-</i>	
<i>reau</i> Sen <sup>r</sup>	£o. 6. o
1 <sup>l</sup> of Bohea Tea at Mrs.	
<i>Kierſteds</i>	o. 19. o
1 Quarter Caſk of Wine at	
Mr. <i>John Vanborne</i>	7. o. o

A pair of white Girls shoes	£0. 6. 0
Negro shoes	0. 5. 6
Tacks	0. 2. 0
Yest	0. 0. 9
Five pair of stockings from	
George Burnet	2. 4. 0

*Isaac Robin to George Clarke.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,  
*March ye 3<sup>d</sup> 172<sup>3</sup><sub>1</sub>.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir,

I HAVE received yours of the 13<sup>th</sup> past by *Riche* the several particulars mentioned in the inclosed memorandum go now by him, The doz. of Bos Combs and Comb Brush Mrs. *Clarke* was so kind to take with her. I can not meet with a pair of kidd gloves of a size fit for Miss *Molly*, nor a large kitchen knife; I have sent all the filk I could get near the Pattern sent.

Y

I will Enquire for Garden Beans and speak to Mr. *DeLancey* for some Gooseberry Trees.

I send you a few Limes which I desire you'll please to accept. I have put 'em in a little Bagg and seal'd it to prevent *Riche* taking toll as he calls it, & have y<sup>e</sup> promise of more to morrow with some Oranges which I will put aside again to next opportunity of sending.

Mr. *Bickley* and Mad<sup>m</sup> *Bickley* are come to stay at their House in Town till after the Supream Court, Mr. *Bickley* being very weak but is now upon y<sup>e</sup> mending hand, they both present their humble service to you and Mad<sup>m</sup> *Clarke* as likewise Miss *Hyde*. I have written a third letter about the Flax—



*A List of Sundarys sent by Riche March*  
*3<sup>d</sup> 172 $\frac{3}{4}$  viz<sup>t</sup>*

Three pound of Chocolate	£0.	7. 6
One y <sup>d</sup> of stuff	0.	2. 6
One oz & $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sowing filk	}	
scarce w <sup>t</sup> but is all that		
could be got		
31 Gal. of Molasses @ 1 s. 10 d	2.	16. 0
pound of Bohea Tea	0.	18. 0
Three sheets of Minikin Pins	0.	3. 0
Three Blue Laces	0.	5. 0

If y<sup>e</sup> prices of any of the above particulars are not liked they will be taken again.

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*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

S. OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*March 14<sup>th</sup> 172<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir,

I HAVE received yours of y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Instant by Mr. *Lawrence* and am glad the little fruit I sent met with your kind acceptance. I send you some Tobacco.

I have sent you a Taft of old *Burnets* Tea at 8*s*. a pound its some that he bought at Vendue & I am informed is damaged, brought here by *Hickford* the Privateer, I am sorry Mrs. *Bergen* has disappointed Mad<sup>m</sup> *Clarke*, but I will Enquire else where.

The Coach maker has better than half finished the Wheels, and tells me they had been done before now

had not one of his Men fallen sick but will see to get them done out of hand.

I send you inclosed five pounds in small Bills, We have had two very dead quarters for business of the Office but hope it will be brisker. I send you some Salecia Lettice seed, Cabbage Lettice seed, and Sellery seed as much of every sort as I could get, as likewise five quarts of Beans, being all the Man would spare, having promised some to Mr. *DeLancey*.

Mr. *DeLancey* tells me the Goofberry Trees are ready at half a hours warning.

Inclosed is a letter from Mr. *Phillipse* concerning Mrs. *Hegeman*. I have omitted to acquaint you that the governour approves of your thoughts of admonishing Mr. *Phillipse* the Dissenting Minister and

directed me to send him a Letter of admonition accordingly.

Mr. *Bickley* last night was taken with a Bleeding of the Nose, but is better to day, he purposes to pay you a visit after a Supream Court is over and stay for some time retired.

I am sorry to hear you have sprained your hand. The Governor will go for *Jerseys* the Beginning of next Month.—I am &c.

I. BOBIN.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*June the 8<sup>th</sup> 1724.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir,

I HAVE had the happyness of seeing Madam *Clarke* and receiving her Commands—She has had Six pounds and Miss *Molly* four Dollars.

I will observe what you write me concerning *Cook* ; Miss has been so kind to promise to let me know the Day she begins.

I will endeavour to get such Cyder as you desire—

Madam *Clarke* has a pound of Bohea Tea, as to Ink powder there is none in Town.

I send you inclosed the Votes from the first of this instant to the fourth ; a Committee of y<sup>e</sup> House have since Reported that they had Examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find that the Colony on the 13 of this instant will be in arrear the sum of £3721. 15. 7½ 'tis believed they will go upon the *Fersey* project in raising of Money to the value of one hundred or four score thousand pounds this is what they talk off over a glass of Wine at the widdow *Post's*, but nothing as yet has been

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motion'd in the House relating thereto.

They will strike New Bills of Credit in the Room of the old.

I will be carefull in giving you timely notice of every thing that may be in agitation.

*Ludlow* tells me it will be a fortnight or three weeks before there will be any business for the Council. I have done what you desired concerning *Sarah Tudor*.

*Johnson* for *Holland* sayl'd this day —

I am &c.

*Isaac Robin to George Clarke.*

S. OFFE NEW YORK,

*June ye 18<sup>th</sup> 1724.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I HAVE received yours of yesterday by *Cæsar*, The Chariot Wheels and Boards are ready to go

by *Riche* I will in the mean time get the Lynfeed Oyl and what else is wanting, as to Cyder I cannot find any in Town that I dare venture upon. There goes now by *Cæsar* twelve pound of Soap and pair of Childs shoes with four pounds four shillings in Dollars—

The affair of Mr. *Dublois* I will see to adjust.

Miss *Molly* is very well.

Madam *Bickley* yesterday proved Mr. *Bickley's* Will.

*Myndert Schuyler* Yesterday took his place in the Assembly in the Room of *Hansen*; he tells me he intends to pay you a visit next week having something to offer which he believes will be very much for your and his advantage.

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*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*June ye 27<sup>th</sup> 1724.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I HAVE received this morning yours of Yesterday by *Will*. I have been at the Treasurers but he was not at home. I will go there again for his answer to what you desire and let you know when his accounts will be ready to audit.

The several particulars mentioned in the inclosed memorandum go by *Will* with an act of those that could not be got.

The Assembly have not done any thing worthy of notice since my last—The money to be levied for repair of the Garrison they have Resolved to raise upon a Land Tax.



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Mr. *Harison* is appointed Recorder of this City in the Room of Mr. *Jamison*.

The Chairrott Wheels and Planks are gone by *Riche*.

I fend six pair of Gloves for Mad<sup>m</sup> *Clarke*; these for Miss *Molly* I have sent to Mrs. *Vernons*.

Capt. *Solgard* arrived yesterday from *Virginia* he gave me the inclosed for forwarding to you—inclosed is ten Dollars.

I will remember what you write me concerning old *Burnet*.

I wish you a good harvest and am with all due regard S<sup>r</sup>

&c.

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*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*August ye 11<sup>th</sup> 1724.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir,

I SEND you by *Goodwin* a Hogf-head of Madera which I hope will prove to content, I have been carefull to get a good Hogfhead to put it in, but with the drawing it off from the Pipe to the Hogfhead may not alter its Body. Mr. *Read* was willing I should take the Pipe but did not know what to do without your order.

Mad<sup>m</sup> *Burnet* was brought bedd this morning off a son.

I have been very uneasy at the Coach makers changing the boxes of your Charrott Wheels & have sent him a Threatning Letter which I hope may bring them to light.

The fellow to whom I paid the Money for him swears they are the same that were brought from the *Plains*, but I believe him to be a Rogue like the other.

I am glad you met with better weather on Saturday than you expected and am

I have delivered your Letter to Mr. *Le Heup*.

*John Rothead to Isaac Bobin.*

JAMAICA, *ffryday night* 172 $\frac{4}{5}$ .

Dr Isaac

I HAVE sent by the Bearer *Thomas Brown* a silver hilted sword which please deliver to Cap<sup>t</sup> *Andrew Nicoll* of your fort and receive nine pounds for it; the spair scabbard he shall have when I come to Town.

Please forward the Inclosed for *Edinburgh* in yours to Mr. *Willard* in *Boston*; you need not inclose it in that to your father but lett him put yours and it into the first ships Bagg bound for *London, Bristol &c.*

I desyre you would get heavy gold (if it is not to much trouble) for the sword money I design to see the Secretary's family on Munday if you have any Commands thither lett me have them by the Bearer.

Give Sir *George Oglevie's* Note to Mr. *Jamison* jun<sup>r</sup> to sue & if you want a power to do it shall send him one—Your new Major *W*—— here is dangerously Ill. *Jamie* gives his service to you and landlord, as does

Your most hearty humble S<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROCHEAD.

*Tho: Brown* did not go to Town till Wenfday & then shall send y<sup>e</sup> sword.

*Isaac Robin to Gov<sup>r</sup> Burnet.*

May it please yo<sup>r</sup> Excellency

I HAVE received yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cys</sup> Lre with y<sup>t</sup> of Cap<sup>t</sup> *Barnaret's* to y<sup>r</sup> Excellency and accordingly prepared a Warrant for the Auditting and adjusting The severall Acc<sup>ts</sup> of Disbursements for Careening his Majesty's ship under his Command as well as to Enquire into the present Currency of Exchange for Bills drawn by him on the Navy which I send herewith.

I am obliged by this Opportunity to give your Excellency the trouble of some Blank Let Passes w<sup>ch</sup> I desire you'll be pleased to sign and seal.

The inclosed Letters were given me Yesterday by one Monsieur *Ramesay* the Governours Son of *Mountreall*

for forwarding to your Excellency, he is under much concern for the Seal of one of them being broke by Accident in his Pocket & has desired me to acquaint you y<sup>t</sup> he hopes your Excellency will Entertain a better opinion of him than to believe he has toucht the Seal; he very much wished for y<sup>e</sup> happynefs of seeing you he with another Gentleman from *Canada* is gone for *Rhode Island* in order for *Boston* upon what Errant I know not.

Capt *Smith* Master of the *Beaver* desired me to acquaint your Excellency that he will sail the 20<sup>th</sup> of this Instant, I embrace the Opportunity to Express my Concern for the trouble my Father has given you of his Letter and to assure your Excellency I will not be wanting to answer his desire so far as I am able, for I have nothing more at

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heart than my tender Parent, and  
the long life and prosperity of your  
Excellency and Family, being with  
great truth and respect

Sir

Your Excellencys  
Most humble and  
most obedient  
Servant

*Mr. Wileman to Mr. Robin.*

Sr

**A**S to any particular order or  
minutes relating to any per-  
son's particular business, I hold it  
requisite you may give copies of y<sup>e</sup>  
minutes or orders of Council. But  
as to private affairs or y<sup>e</sup> state of  
y<sup>e</sup> government without particular  
order from y<sup>e</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> and Coun-  
cill I would not give copies of such.

I am Sr your humble servt

H. W.

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*Isaac Bobin to Lewis Morris, Junr.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*July the 15<sup>th</sup> 1729.*

Sir

I DO not find that I am impowered to give out any attested copys of the minutes of Councill &<sup>ca</sup> relating to publick affairs, or the affairs of the Government here, without an order from the Board. I am with respect Sir Your most obedient servant

Is BOBIN

*Lewis Morris Junr Esqr*

*Isaac Bobin to Lewis Morris, Junr.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*April 23, 1730.*

Sir

I AM commanded by his Excellency to acquaint you that this day he communicated to the Coun-



cil his Majesty's Warrant to him  
dismissing you from being one of  
the members of that Board, a copy  
whereof is inclosed. And I am  
ordered by his Excellency to tell  
you that pursuant to his Majesty's  
Royal Will and pleasure, he has  
dismissed you from your place at that  
Board and sworn and admitted  
*Phillip Cortlandt Esqr* in your room

I am

Sr

Your humble serv<sup>t</sup>

Is BOBIN

To *Lewis Morris Junr Esq.*

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

*September the 14<sup>th</sup> 1730.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir,

I RECEIVED yours of Saturday  
last by Mr *Corey* and now send  
by him the hatt for Master *Hyde*,

a p<sup>d</sup> of Bohea Tea and a pound of Thread.

There has not been any Council since you left the Town, the Governour past last week very merrily but his Excy is now laid up with the gout.

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